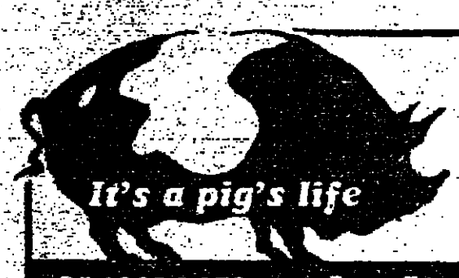
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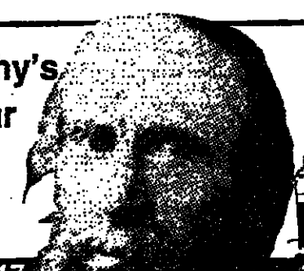
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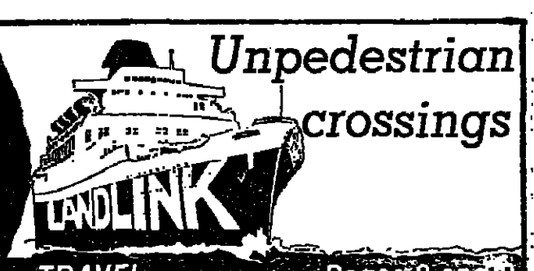
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Intervention agreed to end exchange turbulence

Lawson lands sterling deal

From Alex Brummer in Washington

Mr Nigel Lawson left for London on Concorde last night, convinced that an intervention agreement by the big five industrial countries will end turbulence on the foreign exchanges and bring to a close the recent sterling crisis.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was said to be "very satisfied" with the outcome of two days of intensive and at times heated talks here.

A senior British official said: "I think the turbulence is over" He went on to say it was his view that parity between the US dollar and the pound was unlikely "I don't see any expectation of that" he said.

The official also expressed the hope that the improved inflation outlook in Britain after figures yesterday showing a 4.6 per cent rise in retail prices in 1984 might pave the way for a lowering of sterling interest rates after their big increase at the beginning of the week. Such action would only be taken when it was "prudent."

The Washington announcement that the US, West Germany, Britain, France and Japan stood ready to intervene in the foreign exchanges markets if it were helpful or necessary came in the form of an unprecedented statement from the Group of Five a shadowy committee which historically has met in secret and issued no communiques.

It was a clear signal to the financial markets that the five mean business on intervention policy.

Until now Mrs Thatcher's government, like its US counterpart. Has been generally opposed to intervention, believing that market forces should set the exchange rate for the pound.

The fall in sterling last week clearly shook the Chancellor, who has in effect altered official policy. While the reaffirmation of intervention provides him with some political ammunition at home its true impact will not be known until sterling and other currencies feel sustained pressure again.

The senior British official said he believed that the Reagan administration's attitude on the strength of the dollar and its budget deficit had changed in the last six months.

It was argued that the Americans now regard the dollar as over-valued and this partly accounted for their willingness to reaffirm the original Williamsburg accord on intervention policy.

"I think that the Americans fetl that the dollar is too high," the senior official said in a briefing at the British delegation offices at the International Monetary Fund a few yards down the road from the White House

The finance ministers and central bankers from five countries began their two days of secret meetings on Wednesday night over dinner at a Washington hotel. They reconvened on Thursday at the US Treasury, and issued the communique, before going off to the Federal Reserve Board to plan future intervention strategy.

In the past the Reagan administration has argued fervently that intervention is "futile" and should only take place in "disorderly" markets. While the British official suggested that the outgoing US Treasury Secretary, Mr Donald Regan's association with the statement was evidence of US seriousness.

Similarly the British official asserted that there had been a change in Washington on the US budget deficit, seen as the fundamental cause of high US

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THE FINANCIAL Times 30 share index burst through the 1,000 mark late yesterday for the first time, and closed at 1,004.4, a rise of 17.2 on the day. The market was encouraged by the recent stability of the pound.

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Thatcher, Kohl avert VE-Day war

By Anna Tomforde in Bonn and Hella Pick in London

MRS THATCHER and Chancellor Kohl agreed here yesterday that this year's 40th anniversary of VE-Day should be celebrated in the spirit of recalling the rebirth of freedom and the achievements of peace.

The Prime Minister said at a news conference after the talks: "Our people naturally wish to commemorate that day, in the year that saw the end of the conflict in Europe and the Far East. We shall, of course, recall the sacrifices of those who died, but we shall approach it in the spirit of 40 years of peace in freedom."

Mrs Thatcher ruled out international commemorations involving all four wartime allies, including the Russians: "Each of us will wish to remember it in our own way and each of us will decide in our own countries what form the commemorations should take."

Britain and other Western countries appear to have hurriedly arrived at their VE-Day formula of "national celebrations only" after indications that the Russians wanted to turn the Moscow commemoration into a great international endorsement of the Soviet Union's dominant role in the conflict.

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The Russians were looking for high-level guests from all allied countries and, according to diplomatic sources, their British list may have been headed by the Duke of Edinburgh. Russian approaches to Western governments, looking for agreement in principle to such a VIP gathering, probably precipitated the series of Western decisions on how to deal with the 40th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

But the "war about the war" is beaking out despite these Western attempts to avc a Moscow jamboree. Russian historians and journalists are now firing the first shots in what will probably become a barrage of articles and accounts of the war intended to ram home the message that Russia was far and away the senior ally in terms of military weight.

The argument is the more difficult for the West in that most serious historians of the war in non-communist countries now broadly agree with the Soviet contention, although they would not state it so extremely.

Typical of the flood to come is a lengthy article distributed yesterday by the Russian press agency Novosti, entitled "The Soviet Union — main organiser of Victory."

The author, a senior Soviet military writer, Colonel

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LAST LAUGH: Rabbi Cliff Cohen, wro was sacked from Southgate Progressive Synagogue, London, for making saucy jokes, rehearsing for his show, Mazel and Toff, at the New End Theatre, Hampstead, yesterday.
Picture by Martin Argles. Diary, page 17

Don't split union, Scargill pleads

By Peter Hetherington Northern Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill yesterday made his strongest appeal for Nottinghamshire's miners to reject a breakaway from the National Union of Mineworkers by claiming the union had never planned to use the disciplinary code introduced last year against them.

The NUM president launched a fierce attack on the Nottinghamshire rebel leaders in a lengthy speech which concentrated heavily on the need for an "acceptable" negotiated settlement to the strike which has lasted 46 weeks.

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Speaking to miners in Northumberland, where the National Coal Board says a third of the pitmen are now working, Mr Scargill said the "crunch time" has been reached in the strike. "We have now entered what could be the final and decisive stage..." he added.

As more Nottinghamshire NUM branches prepare to consider where their loyalties lie this weekend, Mr Scargill claimed the rebels were using unscrupulous arguments to justify a breakaway.

He said it was patently untrue to say that last year's disciplinary rule change was introduced to deal with members who did not join the strike.

On the contrary, he said, the new code, had not been used once ... "nor have we contemplated using it against our members in Notts."

He claimed that the initiative for the rule change came from the Nottinghamshire area of the NUM to deal with a specifically local problem there. The area has been given until January 29 to avoid expulsion from the national union by revoking a decision to revise its rules to ignore the new disciplinary code.

Turning to the 30,000 Nottinghamshire miners—the great majority of whom have worked throughout the dispute—he added: "I would appeal to any miner in the Notts area—the answer to the problems of this industry is to stay within the NUM and ensure we win in building an industry in line with the Plan for Coal."

On his second day in the North-east coalfield Mr Scargill reflected the frustration of many pitmen in the area when he stressed several times the need for a "sensibly negotiated, acceptable settlement."

At yesterday's rally in Ashington he never mentioned "victory"—a theme of previous rallies—but warned men against crawling back to work, across picket lines, to face a management which would forever have the upper hand.

If miners maintained their solidarity the board and the Government would recognise the need for a negotiated settlement, he maintained.

All that was needed, Mr Scargill said, was the apparent spirit of conciliation showed by the board chairman, Mr Ian Macgregor, in a TV-am interview 13 days ago.

Mr Scargill said the board

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Indian 'spies' arrested

From Ajoy Bose in New Delhi

SEVEN middle-ranking government officials, some of whom hold sensitive posts in the Prime Minister's office, and the Defence Ministry, have been arrested on charges of spying.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, told Parliament yesterday that the men had been arrested for "anti-national activities." Police sources said these involved passing "top secret" documents across the border to Pakistan.

Mr Gandhi refused to disclose the names of those arrested, despite depeated demands by opposition MPs for more details. "I cannot reveal more as this may hamper investigations," he said.

According to the United News of India, seven middle-level officials—including three from the Prime Minister's secretariat and two from the Defence Ministry—were brought before a magistrate yesterday evening, and were remanded in custody for 10 days, pending interrogation.

For the past year senior Indian politicians and officials have alleged that a foreign hand was behind recent disturbances in the northern state of Punjab.

The assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi by her Sikh security guards was seen by many as the work of a foreign agency trying to destabilise the country.

Majority for mortgage rise

By Margaret Dibben, Money Editor

The mortgage rate will rise by 1.125 per cent for most of the country's 6 million borrowers. Building society chiefs yesterday agreed that it was appropriate to charge between 1 per cent and 1.25 per cent more for home loans from February 1.

The savings rate will go up by 0.75 per cent to 7.5 per cent for a share account and to 8.75 per cent for higher paying premium accounts.

The main debate at the Building Societies Association's emergency council meeting centred on whether societies should wait before deciding the level of increase. There was no disagreement that the general rise in interest rates caused by the recent run on the pound made higher rates necessary.

The Abbey National Building Society wanted to delay the increase until the economic turmoil had calmed. The general manager, Mr John Bayliss, said after the meeting that the society was very disappointed at the outcome. The Abbey will not make a decision about its own rates for a number of days although the society, the second largest, cannot afford to leave its savers disadvantaged, said Mr Bayliss.

The Woolwich, too, would have been happy to wait but no society can pay less to savers than its rivals and the Woolwich will raise its mortgage rate to 12.875, an increase of 1.125 per cent.

The Halifax, the largest building society, has already decided to add 1.125 per cent to its home loan rate, which becomes 13 per cent for mortgages up to £25,000. The higher differentials charged for larger loans go up by the same margin.

An average existing loan of £12,000 will cost an extra £6.15 a month and an average new loan, which is now £22,000, will cost £11.25 a month more.

At the Nationwide, the third largest society, the rise will also be 1.125 per cent but, in this instance, the charge becomes 12.875 per cent for all loans. Other societies will make their decisions next week.

The banks have not increased their home loan rates since the 2.5 per cent increase in base rates. They say they have no immediate plans to do so.

But the bad news for borrowers will please savers. The chairman of the Building Societies Association, Mr Herbert Walden, explained the need for higher rates: "I am very conscious of our responsibility to demonstrate to our 30 million investors that we always offer them an adequate return. We feel that 0.75 per cent is a reasonable and responsible increase."

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The monthly cost of a mortgage at 13 per cent after tax relief which is granted on the first £30,000 of the loan.

£10,000	£85.60
£15,000	£128.40
£20,000	£171.20
£25,000	£214.00
£30,000	£256.80
£35,000	£300.45
£40,000	£357.30
£45,000	£414.15
£50,000	£471.00

England go 2-1 ahead

From Matthew Engel in Madras

ENGLAND beat India by nine wickets in the fourth cricket Test in Madras yesterday to complete their most dominating performance since the summer of 1981 and go 2-1 up in the series.

The win had looked likely to be even more convincing. The ninth Indian wicket fell when they still needed 19 runs to avoid an innings defeat, but a last-wicket partnership of 51 between the wicket-keeper, Syed Kirmani, and Chetan Sharma equalled the Indian record for that wicket against England, delighted the crowd, and delayed the result for two hours.

England's captain, David Gower, paid tribute to Neil Foster, the fast bowler, who took 11 wickets for 163 runs in the match.

The fifth and final Test is at Kanpur on January 31.

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Dunlop take-over bid blocks Edwardes

By Margareta Pagano and James Erlichman

Sir Michael Edwardes's plan to use the Dunlop rubber group as his new corporate vehicle was checked yesterday when the BTR industrial combine launched a £30 million takeover bid for the ailing company.

The former British Leyland chairman stands to gain more than £4 million from share options given to him by the banks which had backed his £142 million plan to rescue Dunlop.

But those share options, and negotiations over Dunlop's survival which have lasted a year, have been thrown into confusion by BTR's bid. Dunlop said last night that if the take-over succeeded before the February 8 annual meeting there would be no financial gain from the options.

The City is now expecting a fierce take-over battle between Sir Michael and Sir Owen Green, who runs BTR. These two powerful industrialists share little but animosity, and a desire to run Dunlop.

Although widely credited with saving British Leyland, the state-owned motor manufacturer, from collapse, Sir Michael's superstar status is questioned by some in the City.

His lucrative share option scheme was his price for becoming executive chairman of Dunlop, which has sacked 23,000 United Kingdom employees and run up losses of £300 million in the last five years.

Dunlop sold off its loss-making European tyre operations to the Japanese two years ago, but had been widely assumed that no other industrial company would contemplate taking on the company's debts of £435 million.

However, Dunlop's remaining activities, including the Slazenger and Dunlop sports goods, and its expertise in high technology rubber products make it an attractive purchase

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WILFRID BRAMBELL (above) best known as Albert Steptoe in television's Steptoe and Son, died yesterday, aged 76. Obituary, page 2

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sharon ruling

A JURY yesterday ruled in favour of former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon on the second of three issues in his $50 million libel suit against Time magazine.

The second question dealt with the truth or falsity of the Time report about the 1982 massacre of Palestinians in Beirut. The jury still has to decide whether Time published the article knowing that it was false, or with reckless disregard for the truth. Page 6.

Council rebels

BRADFORD city council could become the first Tory-led local authority to take legal action against the Government over its rate support grant. Page 2.

Murder clue

POLICE were yesterday seeking a man dressed as a soldier spotted near the scene of a triple killing in Scotland. Page 3.

Market moves

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Labour favourite

THE front runner in the race to become general secretary of the Labour Party is Mr Larry Whitty of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union. Page 2.

Sniffing curbs

AMID signs of a decline in glue-sniffing, a private member's bill, aimed at cutting off supplies to children, was given a Commons second reading yesterday. Page 3.

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Health alert over Ruhr smog

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn, and Seumas Milne

West Germany's industrial region was put under a maximum smog alert yesterday with private cars barred in city centres and power stations and other industrial polluters ordered to curb operations.

Arctic weather conditions also bought chaos to the south-west of England and Wales as overnight blizzards cut off many towns and villages and forced hundreds of schools and factories to close.

Atmospheric pollution due to a temperature inversion, in which a layer of warm air above much colder air pins pollution to the ground, continued to mount in the Ruhr Valley for the third successive day, and reached its crisis level of 1.7 milligrammes per cubic meter yesterday afternoon.

Schools in the seven cities affected by the smog were closed and the authorities appealed on radios for children and people suffering from heart disease and asthma to stay indoors. The health ministry in Dusseldorf said drivers were responding well to the appeal not to use private cars.

The smog alert will remain in force throughout the weekend, with only taxis, ambulances and public transport being allowed to operate. Traffic on the nearby motorway network has not been halted.

Environmentalist groups said yesterday that smog levels in the Ruhr were exceeding by 10 times the standards set by the World Health Organisation. The alert, they said, proved the authorities' negligent attitude towards air pollution.

In Bonn, the opposition Social Democrats accused the Federal government of taking half-hearted measures on curbing air pollution from cars and industrial plants.

Cornwall was the worst hit area in Britain with snow ploughs unable to make much impact on the drifting. Police warned drivers to stay at home and all the county's 311 schools were closed.

Throughout the South-west, abandoned lorries and cars littered the roads as hedge-high drifts made many of them impassable. As far east as Hampshire, conditions were described as dreadful. At Weston-super-Mare the sea froze for the first time in more than 20 years and surf on the beach formed an ice wall several feet high.

Up to 8 inches of snow were also reported in parts of Wales. All 350 schools in the county of Dyfed in West

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'£4 million disadvantage' caused by calculations

Tory-led council may go to court over grant cut

By Tom Sharratt

Bradford City Council may soon become the first Conservative-led local authority to take legal action against the Government over its rate support grant settlement for the next financial year.

The council claims that because of an anomaly in the way the grant has been calculated it will suffer a £4 million disadvantage compared with other authorities. The management special sub-committee will decide on Tuesday whether to apply to the High Court for a judicial review of the decision announced by the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin.

Two other authorities, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, are already taking legal action against Mr Jenkin for similar reasons, but both are Labour-controlled. Bradford council is under no overall control but the Conservatives form the largest group, with 44 seats to Labour's 40 and the Alliance's six. The Conservatives hold all committee chairmanships.

The anomaly arises from a change in the way the RSG is calculated. Each year Mr Jenkin announces two figures for each authority: the grant-related expenditure assessment (GREA) figure which indicate what the Government thinks the authority should spend to maintain a standard level of service, and the "target" figure, beyond which the authority will suffer financial penalties on a rising scale according to the degree by which it exceeds its target.

Hitherto the target has been based on a percentage increase of the target figure or the GREA figure in the previous year, whichever was the higher. But under new rules for 1985/86, authorities which plan to spend more than their GREA figure in their budgets for the current year are to receive an increase on their current target figure, while those which plan to spend under GREA in the current year are to receive an increase on their current GREA figure.

In practice this means that, apart from 10 big authorities, all local authorities in England will still receive an increase based on the higher of their target or GREA figure for the current year. Bradford is among the 10.

Mr Ronnie Farley, leader of the Conservative group on Bradford council, said yesterday that his group were most concerned at the implications of the RSG settlement for Bradford.

He said: "Despite repeated requests the Secretary of State has still not given us a technical explanation for the anomaly, which puts Bradford at a considerable £4 million disadvantage compared to other councils.

"We intend to give Mr Jenkin a final opportunity to give us a proper explanation. If we remain dissatisfied, subject to legal advice we may have to challenge the grant settlement in court in the interests of Bradford ratepayers."

Mr Farley said that unless the target was increased by the £4 million, Bradford ratepayers would face a rate increase 10 per cent higher than it should be.

The council's officers are seeking counsel's opinion on the question, and will report to members at the meeting on Tuesday. In the meantiume a report to members recommends that the council should make a final approach to Mr Jenkin, setting out the arguments in support of its claim of unfair treatment; and that if he does not respond, or gives an unsatisfactory response, the city solicitor should be authorised to start proceedings in the High Court.

Where cardboard is the best cover

Penny Chorlton goes below freezing with the tramps and winos who sleep rough in London

AS TEMPERATURES stayed below freezing in London last night, more than 400 tramps and winos settled themselves into their sleeping bags and cardboard boxes. Some of the luckier ones bedded down in hostels and church halls, but MPs continued to ask the Government to take emergency measures to help the unlucky ones still sleeping rough.

The Greater London Council says it is searching for buildings suitable for temporary accommodation. Meanwhile, it provides tea runs during the night. The Salvation Army and other charitable organisations are doing soup runs, handing out blankets, and keeping an eye on people sleeping in the open.

While they sleep rough there are vacant beds in most state-run temporary homes for homeless single people, according to the social services under-secretary, Mr John Patten. He said in a written Commons reply yesterday that nearly all the Government's 23 resettlement units had beds waiting.

The experts among those without beds claim that cardboard is the best material they can find to keep out the wind and the cold, as it traps any warm air. And if it rains, it resists that as well.

At the Salvation Army hostel in Blackfriars, men queue to book in for another night. The hostel is full, and there are 17 emergency beds in the chapel. There are 278 people booked in already.

It is warm in the hostel, even in the vast corridors of what was once a Victorian skating rink. The entrance is piled high with donated blankets.

Later, some of the blankets were to be distributed around the city to replace the wet and filthy ones being used by people sleeping rough.

Steve Melvyn, assistant manager of the Blackfriars hostel, has had to evacuate his office where a mountain of clothes donated by the public is ready for those in need.

"We try not to turn anyone away but accommodation is very tight and all the hostels are full," says Lieutenant Melvyn.

He breaks off to deal with an employee who has given notice and is about to walk out. Words of abuse fly between two residents. An older man demands respect, but as far as his teenage opponent is concerned they are both in the same boat.

At the St Mungo Trust hostel in Covent Garden, about 20 men a week are being turned away because of overcrowding. 110 men share two communal rooms, 30ft by 15ft.

The city's hospitals report only "one or two" deaths among people of no fixed abode since the freezing weather began. They are surprised that the number is not higher.

In Paris more than 30 people are said to have died after sleeping rough. Two newly-built Metro stations have been opened to provide a roof for the homeless, and the same sort of thing has been suggested by MPs at Westminster.

But London Transport said yesterday that, while they were considering the idea, Underground stations had no heating, no lavatories, no catering, and no doors to keep out the cold air. "If nobody else offers, then I suppose we might help. But we will need supervisors to keep people away from the lines when the electricity goes on at 4am," a spokesman said.

Although the capital was free of snow last night the forecast was for further falls, and all those concerned with looking after the destitutes agreed that, while they were coping at the moment, unless something drastic were done there could be serious illness and death among those sleeping out.

Stanley out, so Whitty Labour favourite



Larry Whitty — trade union backing

By Martin Linton

The next general secretary of the Labour Party seemed likely last night, at the close of application for the job, to be Mr Larry Whitty, aged 41, at present head of research at the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union.

He was left as the front runner with the announcement from Mr Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, that he had declined to put his name forward for the post made vacant by Mr Jim Mortimer's decision to retire.

Mr Whitty will have two serious challengers in Mrs Helen Liddell, aged 33, the party's Scottish secretary, and Mrs Joyce Gould, aged 52, the party's assistant national agent and chief women's officer.

There may also be one or two "dark horse" candidates when the short list of candidates becomes known next week.

Mr Whitty will have the support of Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, and most of the left on Labour's national executive. He will probably attract a few trade union supporters because of his union background, but Mrs Gould will also take some left votes and Mrs Liddell seems likely to take all of the votes on the right.

Mr Whitty took over as head of research in the GMBU in 1973 after working at the economic department of the TUC and before that as a civil servant in the Ministry of Technology.

He is on the "soft" left of the Labour Party as is Mrs Joyce Gould, the only internal candidate from the party headquarters at Walworth Road.

She is head of the party's new campaigns unit as well as the chief women's officer and assistant national agent. She worked as an agent and a regional officer in Yorkshire before moving to London.

Mrs Liddell was appointed Scottish secretary of the Labour Party at the age of 26 after a successful career as head of the economics department of the Scottish TUC and Scottish economics correspondent of the BBC.

The successful candidate, to be chosen at the end of the month by the full executive, will find the party's bed of nails more than usually uncomfortable. Trade unions have to ballot their members over the next 15 months on whether they should maintain political funds—and implicitly their connections with the party.

The results could cut Labour's income by anything from 20 to 60 per cent. The new general secretary, who will be paid £25,000 a year, will have little time to get the party's organisation into shape for the run-up to the next general election.

Shooting banned to save wildfowl

By Alan Dunn

A GOVERNMENT ban on shooting wildfowl was extended yesterday to Scotland and will last until the end of the month. Shooting in England and Wales had been banned earlier in the week. Bird protection societies now want shooting banned in Ireland, fearing that tens of thousands of wildfowl known to have left their frozen wintering grounds in the lowlands of Denmark, Holland and Belgium, may have headed for the comparatively milder climate in the Republic.

"If they are there they will be very weak, and in such numbers, an easy prey," said a spokeswoman for the International Wildfowl Research Bureau, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. There are shooting bans over much of the continent including France, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and Denmark.

In Britain, small birds which lose body heat more quickly, are at risk, with fears that the death rate could be as high as in the winter of 1963. "We are very worried about the Dartford Warbler, which in 1962 was reduced to about a dozen pairs mostly in Dorset and Hampshire," said a spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. "There are about 300 pairs now but they will be finding things difficult."

Large numbers of lapwing and golden plover have left their Midlands wintering sites and moved to North Devon and Ireland. The society's Exeter staff have had a number of reports of lapwings so weak that they have allowed themselves to be picked up and nursed back to health.

Meanwhile, wrens on farmland near Exeter have taken over a sparrows' nest in the thatch of a farmhouse.

The farmer, who wants the site to remain secret to protect the birds, said yesterday: "I heard this commotion as it was getting dimsy and went out to see a sparrow looking disgruntled while about 25 wrens tried to get in to the two holes leading to the nest.

"The sparrow flew away when he saw me and in the next quarter of an hour I counted 46 wrens go in and there were no doubt some in there to begin. I've never seen so many congregate before."

The RSPB advises people to put out simple scraps of food, such as bacon fat, bones, cheese rind, nuts and bread and says that a bird bath can be made by sinking an upturned dustbin lid in the ground.



SHOULDER OF LAMB: Anne Woolley plays the good shepherd after rescuing one of her lambs from a snowdrift at Newton St Cyres, Devon, where blizzards brought Arctic conditions yesterday

Minister orders contract reversal

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Mr John Patten, the junior health minister, has ordered Norwich health authority to reconsider the award of a cleaning contract to NHS staff which honoured existing wages and conditions.

The Minister gave the order after he summoned the health authority to the Department of Health to explain its decision. It is believed to be the first time a minister has intervened in the long-running dispute over privatisation after a contract had been agreed.

Mr Patten objected to Norwich agreeing to safeguard existing cleaning standards, pensions and sick pay for staff, since the deal cost the authority £100,000 a year more than two offers made by rival private companies.

The minister wants the authority to accept one of the two private contracts in order to spend the extra money on patient care. By agreeing to the private contracts the health authority would however, worsen staff conditions at its main district general hospital, the Norwich and Norfolk.

Norwich's decision was influenced by the long-running dispute at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, where cleaning staff have been on strike since October. Standards of cleanliness have deteriorated in many wards and the health authority has ordered OCS Hospital Services to improve standards or agree to compensation to end the contract.

A number of Conservative members on Norwich health authority voted to accept an in-house contract rather than face a similar dispute in the city.

The authority has now been ordered by Mr Patten to call a special meeting on January 29 to reconsider its decision. A spokesman for the authority said yesterday that he could not give details of the contract because they were confidential.

GLC wins second court victory

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The GLC last night claimed its second big courtroom victory in a week when Mr Justice Nolan lifted an injunction which had halted its £10 million advertising campaign against abolition.

The GLC has promised that its campaign will in future be "predominantly informative" and that it will not make use of slogans. This undertaking has been incorporated in a new temporary injunction which allows the campaign to proceed until a full hearing of Westminster council's case against it.

Mr John McDonnell, the GLC deputy leader, said that all material already up on advertising hoardings will remain, the January issue of the council newspaper will be distributed, and lobbying and public meetings will resume.

Mr Terence Neville, Westminster council's solicitor, said: "I am happy with what we have achieved. The injunction continues insofar as it affects advertising and exhorting the public to support the GLC's viewpoint.

A week ago the GLC also won an action against the Transport Secretary over London Transport funding. Despite the fact that the judge castigated Mr Nicholas Ridley for "unlawful, irrational and procedurally improper" behaviour, the Government has not yet appealed. The result returns £50 million to the GLC's coffers.

Official quits to protest at union ban

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Mr Peter Hinchliffe, the senior GCHQ official responsible for arranging transfers for staff who have refused to give up their union membership, has decided to leave the intelligence-gathering centre at Cheltenham at the end of the month in protest against the ban on unions there.

Mr Hinchliffe, a linguist, was put in charge of transfers after agreeing to give up his union card last year. But he has now accepted a job working for the Health and Safety Executive translation department in Buxton, Derbyshire.

His wife, also a GCHQ linguist, is taking up a job with him at the HSE, and they both intend to rejoin the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

About 200 GCHQ staff have refused to leave their unions, but fewer than half a dozen are believed to have accepted the offer of transfers to other Civil Service departments. GCHQ management is believed to be considering an alternative offer of earlier retirement to some staff.

GCHQ management, uneasy about the state of industrial relations there, are reluctant to use the more drastic option of dismissals, and hope that the referendum on a proposed staff association to replace trade unions will lead to a convincing majority in favour.

Early indications suggested that this may not be the case, especially in the out-stations. The results are likely to be announced next week.

MoD official 'approached newspaper in the hope of financial salvation'

By Paul Keel

Raymond Williams, the former Defence Ministry civil servant charged with selling confidential information to the Observer, went to the newspaper looking for short-term financial salvation, it was alleged at Bristol crown court yesterday.

The court heard that the 38-year-old former senior executive officer, who has denied two charges of corruptly accepting a total of £1,500 from the Observer in return for information given while he was employed by the ministry in Bath, faced mounting debts when he first made contact with the newspaper in October 1983.

He was behind with his repayments on a £25,000 mortgage and £6,000 bank loan for the purchase of his house, and with those for a £4,000 home improvement loan.

Mr Michael Broderick, prosecuting, suggested to Mr Williams that it had been entirely irresponsible for a civil servant in his position to tell Mr Patrick Bishop, a reporter from the Observer, on their first meeting, about his financial difficulties.

"It was clearly going to be interpreted by Mr Bishop as nod, nod, wink, wink, you give me some money, and I'll give you some information." Mr Williams replied that such an interpretation would have been possible, but he denied that it had been intended.

Mr Broderick told the court that an entry in Mr Williams's diary at the time recorded an immediate need for the sum of £2,600, an interim requirement for £6,000 and an ultimate need for £15,000. "Throughout 1983 you had been living financially, if not day to day, certainly week to week."

Mr Broderick said he did not believe that Mr Williams had approached the Observer with any intention of obtaining a full-time position with the newspaper as a defence consultant. He reminded Mr Williams that the question of payments had not arisen when he visited the Observer's London office in November 1983.

"It was to the Observer that you were looking for short-term financial salvation," Mr Broderick asserted. "No. Long-term salvation in the form of a job," Mr Williams replied.

The hearing continues.

Murderer found hanged

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A Belfast man was found hanged in his cell yesterday, two days after being given a life sentence for the murder of a pensioner.

Philip McCullough, aged 23, was sentenced on Wednesday and on the same day was allegedly involved in a scuffle with two prison officers. A relative who saw him the day before he died claimed that his face was bruised and that he had sustained other injuries in an incident at Crumlin Road gaol, Belfast.

Last night, Philip's father, Mr Robert McCullough, asked for an official inquiry into the incident. He said: "I have spoken to the prison governor and he said Philip attacked the warders. I cannot understand how that could have happened when he was handcuffed. My daughter saw him on Thursday and he had a bruised face."

The Northern Ireland Office said last night that as in all cases of serious incidents inside prisons, the police were investigating the circumstances and a post mortem examination would be held.

Terror Act inquiry by Strasbourg

From Derek Brown in Brussels

The European Parliament is to hold an official inquiry into the workings of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, although a call by Labour MEPs that the act should be annulled was narrowly defeated.

The motion condemning the act, tabled by a Labour MEP, Mrs Christine Crawley (Birmingham East), and supported by most Labour members, was defeated by 79 votes to 75. But the inquiry call, contained in a motion from Irish Fine Gael member, Mrs Mary Banotti, was overwhelmingly approved on a show of hands.

Mrs Crawley said that Irish people living in Britain were intimidated by the legislation, under which 6,000 people had been arrested, but fewer than 3 per cent of them had been charged.

Mrs Banotti also complained, in milder terms, that Irish people in Britain were being harassed by the workings of the act.

Conservative MEP Lady Elles had her microphone switched off in the course of a furious attack on Labour critics of the act.

Peace at the poly

By our Education Editor

The National Front activist, Patrick Harrington, exercised his High Court-backed rights yesterday and ate a yoghurt in the canteen of the North London Polytechnic. Students, some of whom had undertaken in the High Court on Thursday not to molest him, first kept clear of the canteen. Then, according to a students' union spokesman, "about 100 students went in and made clear their opinion of Harrington, but without trying to bar him from eating his yoghurt."

"He took about an hour to eat one yoghurt and it was obviously an act of provocation," the spokesman said.

Actor who played most famous 'dirty old man'

OBITUARY

WILFRID BRAMBELL, the actor, died of cancer yesterday in Westminster Hospital, London, aged 72. He had been ill for four months, and was admitted two weeks ago.

Mr Brambell, who became nationally known in the 1960s as a scrap dealer in BBC Television's Steptoe and Son, came to England from Dublin as a young man. He had already made a career as a character actor in what he called scruffy parts when he was cast as Albert Steptoe in the long-running, highly successful series.

After the series ended in 1976 he did little to change the image of what his fictional son, Harold, called a dirty old man. He continued to be cast as a crusty—if cleaner—old man in films and on television.

In private life, however, Mr Brambell was a snappy dresser. He had been a widower since 1955.

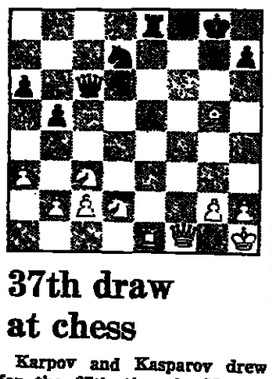
The actor who played his son in Steptoe and Son, Harry H. Corbett, died two years ago of a heart attack, aged 57.

Mr James Moir, BBC Television's head of variety and light entertainment, said last night "Wilfred Brambell was a fine actor. His brilliant portrayal of old man Steptoe will endure as one of the great comic creations of contemporary television entertainment."

Soviet artist

THE Soviet artist, Vladimir Weisberg, who has died in Moscow, aged 60, had a high standing among Soviet intellectuals and emigres. He was a member of the Artists' Union but his work did not enjoy official approval since it did not fit in with the prevailing orthodoxy.

His most interesting oils were of cubes, spheres, cones, cylinders, and test tubes in shades of white and with great subtlety of colour.



37th draw at chess

Karpov and Kasparov drew for the 37th time in Moscow yesterday when Karpov, 5-1 up in wins, accepted a peace offer after only 21 moves and two hours' play.

White: Karpov. Black: Kasparov. Sicilian Defence (43rd game)

	White	Black		White	Black
1	P-K4	P-QB4	12	P-K5	P-Q4
2	N-KB3	P-Q3	13	P-B5	P-QR4
3	P-Q4	P-K4	14	P-Q6	P-R5
4	N-B3	P-KP4	15	P-Q6 ch	K-R1
5	N-N5	B-K2	16	B-K5	B-B3
6	B-QB4	N-KB3	17	B-Q5	B-K5
7	P-QB3	B-Q2	18	P-QR3	B-B3
8	P-K5	N-Q5	19	N-Q2	N-Q2
9	B-K2	P-QB4	20	N-B4	B-Q4
10	P-QR4	B-B4	21	N-K6	B-K5
11	P-B3	B-N2	Draw agreed		

Second man changes plea

A second man charged with double murder has changed his plea, the day after his gang leader admitted the torture and strangulation of two teenagers.

Michael Bailey, aged 20, of Wirral Crescent, Cheadle Heath, Greater Manchester, then pleaded to be kept away from his boss, Peter Murray, aged 36.

On Thursday, Murray, of Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, changed his plea to guilty to the murders

The trial of two other gang members, Michael Howe, aged 20, of Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath and oJhn Bannister, aged 21, of no settled address, continues on Monday.

Bringing up two children 'can cost mothers £49,000'

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

A TYPICAL mother can expect to lose £49,000 in lifetime earnings as a result of raising two children, according to a leading labour market economist.

Ms Heather Joshi's study, details of which she reported yesterday to the Centre for Economic Policy Research, is the first to employ sophisticated economic techniques to examine the cost of children.

Basing her findings on an official survey of women and employment, Ms Joshi said that a mother can expect to lose £35,000 of earnings with one child, £49,000 with two and £62,000 with three, all expressed in pounds at today's values.

The work shows that a typical mother of two loses nine years of full-time employment but partially offsets this loss with three years of part-time work. The loss of £49,000 assumes that she has average earning potential.

"Interruptions to employment also affect chances of promotion and hence the wages women command on their return to the labour market," Ms Joshi said.

Compared with the growling earnings of childless women as they become more senior and experienced, average hourly pay after the age of 25 was reduced by 6, 8 and 11 per cent for the mothers of one, two and three children respectively.

Ms Joshi's results imply that a mother's loss of earnings due to lack of seniority or due to part-time rather than full-time work, may be as important as the crude amount of earnings lost when she initially gives up a paid job to have children.

Ms Joshi argues that current social conventions oblige women to bear the cost of parenthood in terms of a loss of financial independence, and she looks at ways in which mothers could be compensated.

This loss is particularly acute for divorcees, but alimony payments would need to be so high to compensate for the loss of earning power of mothers who gave up work to rear children that Ms Joshi regards this route as impractical. She proposes instead ways of improving women's financial independence during marriage, such as an allowance paid as a benefit to unemployed mothers and as a tax credit to working ones.





The men who died: Mr David Cunningham (left) and Staff Sgt Terence Hosker

Uniform clue in hunt for killers

By Jean Stead

POLICE are searching for a man dressed as a Scottish infantry soldier in their inquiries into the killing of three army men in the Pentland Hills on Thursday.

At a press conference at the Lothian police headquarters in Edinburgh yesterday a uniform like the one seen by two independent witnesses was shown—tam-o'shanter, green sweater and olive green trousers, with gaiters and black boots.

The man was seen walking and running away from an abandoned Land-Rover, according to two independent witnesses, one of them a local woman and the other a man walking in the area, a well-known tourist spot.

Lothian police, working with military police, questioned the 600 men at Glencorse Barracks, a few miles south of Edinburgh yesterday, but said that no one had so far been reported absent without leave. The man being sought was described by witnesses as in his mid-twenties, dressed as a Scottish infantry soldier, about 5ft 8in tall and clean-shaven.

Glencorse Barracks is the main training depot for Scotland's infantry regiments and is a few miles from Penicuik, from where the weekly pay roll of £19,000 had been collected by the three murdered men.

● *Left: a man seen running from the murder spot was wearing this type of uniform*



Royal Navy divers searching for the murder weapon

Royal Navy divers yesterday helped police in a search for an abandoned weapon after a hole had been discovered in the ice of a river near Glencorse reservoir where the three dead men were found. A trail of blood had leaked into the snow from their hijacked Land-Rover which was later abandoned 2½ miles away.

Two of the three dead men — Staff Sergeant Terence Hosker, a single man from Bradford, of the Royal Army Pay Corps and Private John Thomson from Calashiels, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers — were stationed at the Glencorse barracks. The third, retired Major David Forbes Cunningham, aged 56, who came from Elgin, was a civilian employee.

MPs told of latest solvent abuse horrors

Deaths by glue-sniffing 'may have reached peak'

By David McKie

There is some ground for hoping that solvent abuse may have passed its peak, a junior minister told the Commons yesterday, as MPs gave an unopposed second reading to a bill designed to cut supplies to glue-sniffers.

Mr David Mellor, the junior Home Office minister, said that research at St George's Hospital medical school in South London suggested that deaths through solvent abuse had risen from 29 in 1980 to 45 in 1981, 60 in 1982, and 80 in 1983. The figures for 1984 stand at 61, at present.

But the Commons heard a catalogue of examples of misuse, including cases in which teenagers had emptied fire extinguishers into their throats. The Labour frontbench spokesman, Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, said that if the fashion for solvent abuse was declining it was because of the growth in the use of heroin.

The private member's bill was introduced by Mr Neville Trotter, the Tory MP for Tynemouth. The Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill is directed at people who knowlingly sell glue and other products to teenage users, or who supply them in wilful disregard of their likely use. It creates a new offence of supplying to children under 18 any substance, other than a controlled drug within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, likely to be inhaled to cause intoxication.

The maximum penalties stipulated in the bill are six months' imprisonments or a fine of up to £2,000. But Mr Trotter accepted that these might be increased when the bill came into committee.

He did not foresee a great many prosecutions, however. He believed that the police reminders to suppliers of the effects of the new law and suppliers' fear of gaol would curb present activities.

The bill has all-party support and Mr Trotter acknowledged great help in its drafting from the Home Office which was known to be eager to see one of the private members succesful in the draw introducing a bill of this kind.

Mr Trotter told the House of cases in which glue-sniffing kits were sold complete "in what were cruelly described as happy bags." But glue-sniffing was a relatively minor part of the problem. Three-quarters of deaths from solvent abuse arose from the use of other solvents. Aerosols had become a particular problem.

He had come across one case in Newcastle of a boy was was spending 13 hours a day sniffing glue He was using litre a day. The addiction started when the boy discovered a friend sniffing glue and tried to persuade him to give it up. His friend asked him to try it, saying: "You have three, and if you can stop, I'll stop too." After seven weeks' counselling at a Newcastle clinic, the boy was free of the habit.

Mr Trotter, like others who spoke in the debate, was *against making solvent abuse* a criminal offence in itself on the grounds that it would make addicts secretive. They would be harder to trace and treat. Addicts and their parents wold be discouraged from coming forward to seek help. His bill was targeted instead on "evil men selling poison, cynically trading on the suicidal weakness of childres.

"The law of England should provide that they go to gaol," he said. "This bill seeks to close a glaring loophole in our current law and enable justice to be done." Mr Trotter and Mr Mellor both emphasised that they did not see the measure as an answer to solvent abuse, which must be attacked in other ways. Mr Kilroy-Silk said that this would mean tackling the root causes — such as boredom, social deprivation and unemployment.

Findings kept off TV in timber houses row

By Dennis Barker

For the first time the Broadcasting Complaints Commission — broadcasting's equivalent of the Press Council — has been asked to defer publication of its adjudication on a complaint.

The text of the finding on a complaint by the National House Building Council about a Granada TV World in Action programme dealing with timber-structure houses was this week at short notice taken out of the TV Times due to appear on January 28, after the council had told the BBC that it was applying to the High Court for a judicial review of the commission's finding.

Barratts, builders of the houses, have made a further complaint to the BBC, which is being considered.

Broadcasters are expected, under broadcasting legislation, to carry the findings of the commission in cases concerning them, whether the adjudication is for or against them. Granada planned to screen the finding next week, but has agreed to postpone the broadcast.

The BBC said yesterday that it had reached a finding on the World in Action programme of June 27, 1983, and confirmed that it had agreed to defer publication of its decision.

Mr William Middlemas, BBC secretary, said: "It creates a precedent, and I don't think it is a healthy one. If an adjudication is made and, indeed, notified to the parties concerned, and arrangements are made for publication, I do not think that, in essence, it is a good thing to hold up publication of an adjudication — at least not for very long."

Miss Rhona Wyles, head of legal services of the NHBC, said: "The position is that we are making an application under order 53, the rule of the supreme court relating to applications for judicial review of decisions by tribunals. This application will probably not be heard in the High Court for about 10 days.

"Pending our application, we asked the BBC to direct Granada not to publish. We are asking the courts to review the BBC's findings."

Mr Mike Norton, group marketing director of Barratts, said that two programmes dealing partly with the firm had been the subject of complaints to the BBC. The firm had not made any attempt to get the BBC to defer publication of any finding.

First businessman to lead health authority

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

A management consultant has been appointed as the first businessman to head a regional health authority by Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary.

Mr Mike King, aged 50, the management consultant to water heater manufacturers Heatrae Sadia, becomes regional manager of the East Anglian regional health authority from March 1. He has been offered a three-year contract at £45,000 a year—the highest salary offered to any of the 13 regional managers appointed by the Government.

His appointment ends a dispute between the regional health authority and the Government over the appointment of outsiders to regional manager posts in the NHS. All the other 13 posts are held by *NHS staff. There is one vacancy* at Yorkshire health authority, where Mr Ken Punt left his job after 10 weeks because he was dissatisfied with the terms of his contract.

The creation of general managers at regional, district, and hospital level was recommended by Mr Roy Griffiths, the general manager of Sainsbury's, in a report to Mr Fowler.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five remanded on bomb charges

TIGHT security surrounded Liverpool magistrates' court yesterday as five people appeared there on charges of conspiring to cause an explosion in the UK of a nature likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property.

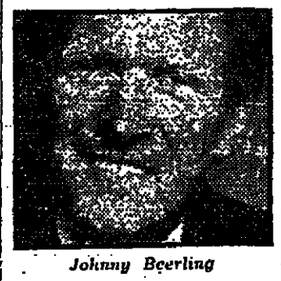
The five are Peter Lynch, aged 45, of Balsal Heath, Dr Maire O'Shea, aged 65, a retired consultant psychiatrist, of Sparkhill, Birmingham, Patrick Brazil, aged 34, and William Grimes, aged 43, both of Dublin, and Peter Jordan, aged 60, a former teacher, of Bristol. They were remanded in custody until January 25.

Dimbleby print dispute resolved

THE dispute between Dimbleby Printers Limited and the National Graphical Association, which began in mid-1983 over the planned redundancy of two printers at the Richmond and Twickenham Times, is over.

Mr David Dimbleby, owner of the Richmond and Twickenham Times, said that ex-gratia payments to be made to 23 members of the NGA who went on strike in August, 1983 had been accepted by the union as the basis for lifting its blacking of the company.

New head for Radio 1



Johnny Beerling

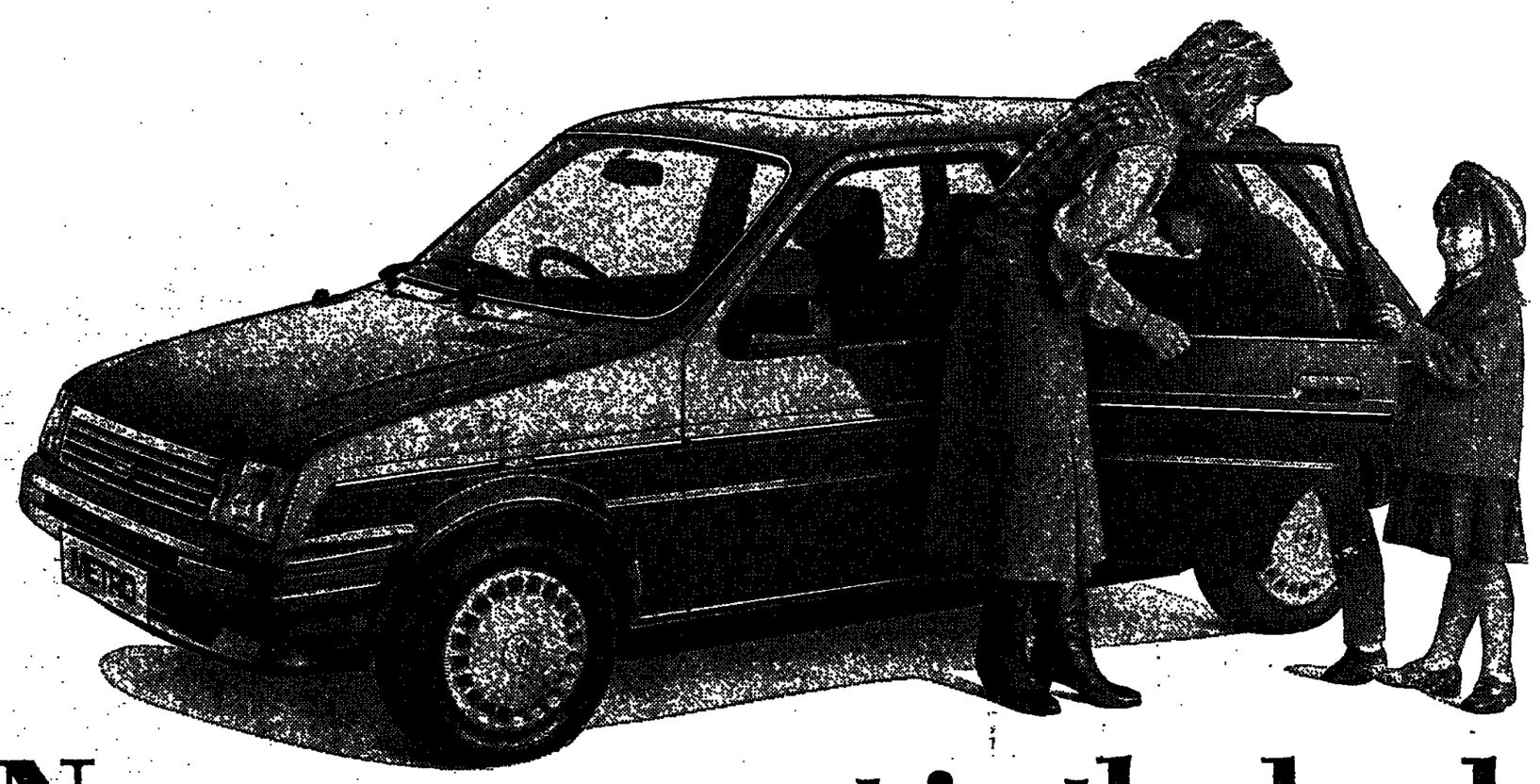
By Dennis Barker

MR JOHNNY BEERLING, aged 47, who produced the first programme for BBC Radio 1 in 1967—the Tony Blackburn Show—has been appointed controller of Radio 1, the corporation announced yesterday. For the past two years he has been head of Radio 1 programmes.

Mr Beerling joined the BBC as a technical operator in 1957, and has been a studio manager and music producer. He will take over as controller in the Spring, when Mr Derek Chinnery retires.

The BBC also announced yesterday that Mr Austen Kark, aged 58, has been appointed managing director of BBC External Services after the retirement through illness of Mr Douglas Muggeridge. Mr Kark has been deputy managing director since 1981.

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Rumour and reality clash on the pit picket lines

Malcolm Pithers finds the Yorkshire miners ready to stay on strike until next winter to keep coal underground

RUMOUR has it that the miners' strike is crumbling, the National Union of Mineworkers is bankrupt, the trickle back to work will become a flood, and it is only a matter of time before the strike ends.

The reality is that in sub-zero temperatures before dawn, miners stand at pit entrances in Yorkshire, oblivious to such talk. They will stay there throughout this winter an into next, knowing that coal production in any meaningful quantity is practically impossible throughout the coalfield.

The men at most Yorkshire pits believe that this harsh fact should be conveyed to people outside the county. This is probably an insular view, but one they feel that newspapers do not accurately record.

Yesterday only 58 men went back to work in the Yorkshire coalfield, raising the National Coal Board total to 4,200 in the area. There has been an increase this week of 653, but this figure has to be set against 54,000 men normally working in the Yorkshire coalfield.

Miners at two pits, Allerton Bywater, near Castleford, an ageing colliery, and the Prince of Wales pit near Pontefract, which Prince Charles opened only a few years ago, expressed their views yesterday.

Their views mirror many of the deeply-held feelings in Yorkshire, even though nearly all the men would welcome an end to the strike.

Men outside Allerton Bywater, where about 200 people joined Labour Party supporters yesterday, said that their pit should not close. They pointed out that all the neighbouring pits had closed or could shortly do so.

Bob, a miner who has spent all his working life in the pits, said: "Where do we go then? We can't all work at Selby or the super pits. What right have men in profitable pits got to say no to a strike if their pit is not going to close? If the NUM Executive had balloted us on whether we were in favour of strike action because 20,000 men in the industry were to lose their jobs, there would have been a 99 per cent vote in favour of a strike.

"We're sticking it out. We are all fed up, but what do you expect? We have been let down by our own men and by the pit deputies, but the vast majority of men will not go back until this is all sorted out. This pit has a five to 15-year life, but if we lose this strike it will close within five years. They don't want this type of pit, only the Kellingleys and Selbys — and we are better off out of the way."

Peter, aged 40, was annoyed with people who were ready to dismiss the miners' case without knowing all the facts. He said: "It is not all Scargill. He is not a god. But if people had taken notice of what he was saying six years ago none of this would have happened. He has got most things right.

Arthur Ward, aged 52, has been working at the Prince of Wales pit for the past 38 years, and is not a political animal. He said as he mounted a picket yesterday: "It is hard to say what our feelings are. It is time it all ended, but we are all for the strike. Now they are saying that people who don't go back after the 12th month will be sacked. That means that I will be classed as having broken service. When I return after the strike my retirement pay would run from that year.

"They are going to try to make us go back slowly. But if people really believe this is the way the strike will end they are mistaken. We will get through this winter and keep picketing through the summer and into next winter, and then the country is going to be in one hell of a situation."

Mr Ward stood with a colleague, Andrew Carter, aged 19, who has been on strike longer than he has been employed by the NCB.

He said: "I left school at 15, and was out of work. I went on a YTS course, and as out of work again. In September before the strike I joined the coal board, and I have been out with these lads since day one."



Andrew Carter (left) and Arthur Ward, generations apart but united on the picket line at the Prince of Wales colliery yesterday. Picture by Don McPhee

Parents threaten to drop support for Ilea if action is not taken on left-wing teachers

By John Fairhall, Education Editor

Parents and governors of some London schools are threatening to abandon support for the Save the Inner London Education Authority campaign unless the authority takes a tougher line with disruptive leftwing teachers.

In response to the threat, Ilea has sent letters to all its heads and school governors reminding them of the disciplinary procedures that should be used against teachers who take unofficial no-cover action, and urging the heads and governors to make more effective use of the procedures.

Teachers, mostly leftwing members of the National Union of Teachers, have for months been taking unofficial industrial action, in defiance of the NUT and the Ilea disciplinary code. Instead of standing in for absent colleagues, they have been refusing to cover for them. Between 50 and 60 Ilea schools, most of them secondary, have been affected by unofficial action.

Ilea reached agreement with the teacher unions last summer on the question of covering for absent staff. One part of the agreement was the authority's decision to provide an extra 300 supply teachers to stand in for absentees. This unusually generous provision of supply teachers has not, however, stopped the unofficial action, nor the complaints from parents and governors.

One case of disciplinary action has passed from head to authority, but on appeal to the governors of Spencer Park comprehensive school it was dropped. Other disciplinary cases are in the long pipeline.

The Inner London branch of the NUT last week met officers of the union's action committee and asked for the no-cover action to be made official, because there were still staff problems in spite of the extra 300 supply teachers. The action committee has said that unofficial action could not be made retrospectively official, but a decision on future action will be taken at its meeting on January 25.

One reason why some head teachers have been reluctant to initiate disciplinary action against their staff is that no-cover action could soon become official union policy.

The teachers' pay claim will come up at the meeting of the Burnham Committee on January 28, and unless the employers are unexpectedly co-operative official no-cover action could be taken by the NUT.

Another trigger could be the seven-year-old campaign by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers to have one of its members co-opted to the Ilea education committee. On Thursday leaders of the NAS/UWT met the leader of Ilea, Mrs Frances Morrell, and told her that they would take no-cover action unless they were offered a seat on the committee. The union has given Mrs Morrell until Wednesday to agree. If she does not, official no-cover action by NAS/UWT members will start on January 28.

Strict rules for bail

A company director charged over the theft and illegal export to Argentina of parts from the Rolls-Royce marine engine plant at Ansty, Warwickshire, was yesterday granted bail after spending more than a week in custody.

But magistrate at Rugby imposed stringent conditions when they allowed bail for Peter Galvin, aged 45, of Oakley's Farmhouse, Weston, Hertfordshire.

Met adds racial attacks to 1985 priorities

By Stephen Cook

Vandalism, drug abuse and racial attacks are to be added to the crime-fighting priorities of London's police in 1985, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman, has told the Home Secretary in a special report.

Priorities carried over from last year are robbery, burglary and auto crime. Sir Kenneth said the three new categories of crime were "matters of broad public concern, clearly discernible in public surveys."

According to the report, racial attack figures for 1984 were likely to be about 1,450, compared with 1,260 the previous year.

The scale of racial attacks in the capital has become clearer since the police started recording incidents as racially-motivated if anyone involved in them said they fell into that category. The classification was formerly decided by the police alone.

On drugs abuse, Sir Kenneth said that drug-related crime and drug seizures have substantially increased over the past two years, and that considerable quantities of drugs are now available in the United Kingdom.

The report goes on: "During the first three quarters of 1984 arrests for trafficking and supplying controlled drugs rose by 20 per cent in the Metropolitan Police area. Much of the increase in clear-ups arose from increased police activity in this area of crime."

Sir Kenneth revealed that there are now 21 community-police consultative committees of the kind recommended in the Scarman Report into the 1981 Brixton riots. Of the remaining London boroughs, three have agreed to have committees seven are undecided, and seven are not participating.

Commenting on the report in a Commons written reply yesterday Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said that last year's 8 per cent rise in recorded London crime was disappointing but there was an encouraging improvement in the clear-up rate for burglaries and street robberies.

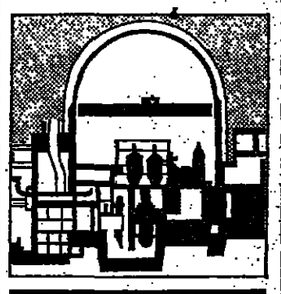
Street robberies and burglary are to be tackled in a big drive in Brixton and Clapham, involving the local crime squad, the Special Patrol Group, and the south London area's "targeting and serveillance" intelligence unit.

Lambeth's community-police consultative group has approved the operation on condition that the SPG stays in uniform and members of the group can attend their briefings and patrol with them.

James Lewis adds: Because of rising crime figures in Greater Manchester uniformed policemen are to be allowed to take over some investigation into lesser crimes from the CID.

Mr Ralph Lees, the Assistant Chief Constable, who has put the scheme into operation, said the yearly crime rate has risen from 138,000 offences in 1974, when the force was formed, to 250,000 last year.

Inspector denies undue pressure



SIZEWELL INQUIRY

By David Fairhall

The inspector at the long-running Sizewell nuclear power inquiry, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, has given a public assurance that his final report and recommendation will not be influenced by government pressure.

Sir Frank was responding to a suggestion from Mr David Ross, a writer on renewable energy sources, that he would be under heavy pressure to open the way for the Central Electricity Generating Board's controversial project to build an American-style pressurised water reactor (PWR) power station on the Suffolk coast.

The inspector said that in his experience of writing reports for Whitehall, "no government has sought to influence me in any way whatsoever." He added: "I do not anticipate they will attempt to do so. In the most unlikely event that they should, you can be absolutely assured it will not influence what I have to say."

Sir Frank's assurance came during a week of closing submissions to the inquiry. On Wednesday British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) warned that the option to build fast-breeder reactors in the future might be jeopardised if the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel at its Sellafield (formerly Windscale) plant in Cumbria was halted because of environmental concern.

Counsel for the company, Mr Robin Barratt, QC, called for "clear political resolve" to produce a national strategy for dealing with nuclear waste and a firm nuclear construction programme, including the Sizewell PWR.

Mr Barratt rejected the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's allegations that joint processing of fuel at Sellafield has disguised the diversion of civil plutonium for military use in the United States.

Some of CND's assertions were insulting as well as inaccurate, he said, but BNFL was prevented by the Official Secrets Act from answering them in full. As for the proposed PWR, he said: "Plutonium from Sizewell B would be most unlikely to be the nation's first choice for weapons production."

Yesterday the Town and Country Planning Association reiterated its opposition to the £1,200 million project. Calling on the inspector to recommend against the CEGB's planning application, the association's vice-chairman, Mr John Blake, argued that Sizewell B was not needed to meet the future electricity demand; it was unlikely to reduce generating costs; its safety was still uncertain; there were still no firm arrangements for disposing of radioactive waste, and the project did not command general public acceptance.

If for non-economic reasons the Government wanted to proceed with a nuclear power programme, Mr Blake said the association noted the South of Scotland Electricity Board's evidence that the indigenous British advanced gas-cooled (AGR) design would be cheaper.

The inquiry resumes on Monday afternoon, the first time a hearing has been held on a Monday since it began more than two years ago.

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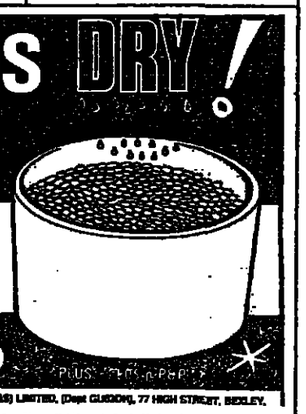
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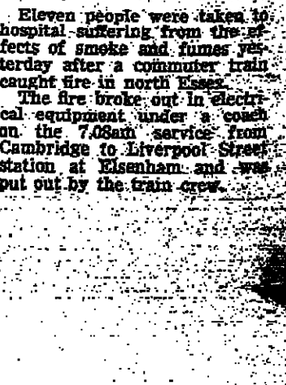
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Rodney Bewes: given gaol warning

TV actor banned

RODNEY BEWES, of the television series the Likely Lads, was three times over the drink-drive limit when the police stopped him in the West End of London just before Christmas for not wearing a seat belt, a court heard yesterday.

The actor was fined £300, banned for three years, and given a gaol warning after the Marlborough Street magistrates had been told that it was his second drink-drive offence.

Bewes, aged 46, the father of four children, of Alberstone Road, Putney, admitted driving his Fiat Mirafiori in Baker Street on December 20 with excess alcohol in his breath, and was said to have been banned for a year in May, 1977, and fined £80 for failing to give a specimen for alcohol tests.

Fumes hit passengers

Eleven people were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke and fumes yesterday after a commuter train caught fire in north Essex.

The fire broke out in electrical equipment under a coach on the 7.08am service from Cambridge to Liverpool Street station at Elsenham and was put out by the train crew.

Russian envoy asked for an early resumption

Superpowers seek common ground on nuclear negotiations

Washington: The US and the Soviet Union in the wake of the Geneva talks, have opened discussions on a time and place for the resumption of negotiations to reduce nuclear missiles, submarines and bombers, an Administration official said yesterday.

The Assistant-Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr Richard Burt, called in Mr Victor Isakov, a counsellor at the Soviet Embassy, on Wednesday to propose an early opening of the talks and that they be held in Geneva, the official said.

"We are waiting for their response," said the official. "At this point, we don't anticipate any problem."

An agreement to resume the negotiations on offensive nuclear weapons and to take up defensive arms and installations was reached by the Secretary of State, Mr Shultz, and the Soviet foreign Minister, Mr Gromyko, in Geneva on January 8.

During their two-day meeting, Mr Shultz proposed that *they also set a date and site* for the talks, but Mr Gromyko declined. Instead, they agreed to consult through diplomatic channels, here and in Moscow, and gave themselves 30 days to reach a decision.

The US Administration wants to begin quickly. Mr Shultz views the resumption of weapons limitation talks as the first step in a wider US-Soviet dialogue, he is known to be considering a visit to Moscow sometime after the talks are resumed.

Mr Gromyko told the Democrate Senator, Mr Gary Hart, on Thursday that he hoped US negotiations would move directly to "concrete proposals" when the two sides met.

In a brief interview outside the Kremlin, where they met for two hours, Mr Hart said that the Soviet Foreign Minister stressed that the talks should begin "sooner better than later . . . but not if sooner leads to generalities."

THE US ambassador to the Madrid conference on European security, Mr Max Kampelman, will head the negotiating team at renewed arms control talks with the Soviet Union, the Secretary of State, Mr Shultz, said yesterday.

The two countries are approaching the talks differently. The principal US aim is to sharply reduce heavy Soviet ground missiles, while the Russians want to stop the US search for an anti-missile defence.

President Reagan said in an interview published yesterday that he did not believe that his Star Wars missile defence plan would block an arms agreement with Moscow.

"I don't think this is going to cause a walk away from the table, and if it is, then they never meant to come to the table to begin with," he said.

Moscow has cited Mr Reagan's proposal to develop a satellite nuclear missile defence system as an important stumbling block to progress in the talks.

In Rome, the Vatican yesterday announced that 25 scientists from the US, the Soviet Union and eight other countries would meet at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences for four days next week to discuss the risks the world might face from a war in space.

The scientists, who will be joined by four Roman Catholic clergymen, will submit a report to the Pope.

Seven Americans, including a government adviser, Professor Eugenio Fubini, and four Soviet scientists—among them the director of the Institute for Space Research, Mr Roald Sagdeyev, will take part in the discussions.

Britain has decided to join a US-led project to build a permanently-manned space station for launch in 1992, the Washington Post reported yesterday.

The Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, was quoted as saying that the British Government would make an official announcement within the next two weeks.

Mr Pattie, in Washington to consult administration officials about scientific cooperation, said that Britain would probably contribute $300 million to the $8-billion programme to launch a permanent space station by 1992.



Forcibly removed: Police carry a wounded man away from a squatters' settlement on the edge of the Peruvian capital, Lima. Seven hundred families were evicted and at least seven people injured in accompanying violence

Reagan lined up for glittering inauguration

President insists that he controls White House policy decisions

From Alex Brummer in Washington

MR REAGAN told an interviewer that he was in charge of the US Government as the *fireworks heralding his second* inauguration lit up the skies here last night.

He sharply disputed accounts which portray him as the creature of his aides and the First Lady, Mrs Nancy Reagan. "I'm too old and stubborn to put up with that," Mr Reagan told the newspaper, USA Today.

"This picture that is being created that I sit at my desk and wait to see who's going to grab this arm and pull me that way, or grab this one and pull me that way . . . I make up my own mind," Mr Reagan said.

Mr Reagan, who tomorrow will begin a second term as the oldest President, at almost 74 years old, said he still enjoys the job despite the departure from the White House of his "old gang" of close confidants.

For most American Presidents, one swearing-in ceremony every four years has been enough. But for Mr Reagan, something special is demanded, to give America's fiftieth inaugural celebration that extra spice.

For Mr Michael Deaver, the President's departing deputy chief-of-staff and the man in charge of the inaugural celebrations, this is an opportunity not to be missed. Having successfully managed to project Mr Reagan into the commentary box during the Los Angeles Olympics, turned the Dallas convention into a patriotic "lovefest" for America's golden heroes, and arranged for the President to throw out the first ball during the baseball World Series, Mr Deaver has now succeeded in putting him on screen ahead of Sunday's Superbowl football match.

What was originally to have been a quiet family ceremony on the grand staircase of the White House is gathering momentum and people by the day.

The three television networks will be there, the news agencies will be there, daily newspaper reporters will be there along with the Cabinet (or those members who remain), the senior White House staff, congressional leaders, and a group of showbiz personalities who will be performing at the inaugural gala. Just in case the football fans miss the "I Ronald Reagan do solemnly swear . . ." bit, he will be flipping the coin at the start of the Superbowl as well.

Having dispensed with this "private" affair on Sunday with typical good-natured aplomb, Mr Reagan and Vice-President Bush will be on hand at the foot of the Capitol on Monday to do it all for the cameras again — in case someone in the continental US, or around the world, happened to have missed the first take.

This outdoor swearing-in followed by the customary inaugural address, is not without its risks. The secret service is taking no chances with Mr Reagan. This will be the most security concious inaugural parade of all time.

All 140,000 guests along the route from the Capitol to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue will have to pass through metal detectors before taking their places on the vast stands which have given the centre of Washington the appearance of an enormous sports stadium.

Thousands of police and secret service agents will mingle among the crowd. Helicopters will circle overhead and arm-held Stinger anti-aircraft missiles—similar to those the US sent to Saudi Arabia earlier in the Gulf War—will be on hand at the Capitol in case of a suicidal attack. Manhole covers have been sealed.

PRESIDENT Reagan will grant weekly interviews to individual news organisations and will hold "regular" news conferences every month or six weeks during his second term, the presidential spokesman, Mr Larry Sparkes, said yesterday.—AP.

The President's viewing stand in front of the White House has been constructed with giant metal girders and is equipped with bullet proof glass.

Mr Reagan would be well advised to keep his inaugural address short. It is almost a tradition that the swearing-in ceremonies take place when this city is at its spine-chilling coldest; in the past week the *temperature has seldom moved* above freezing

The January big chill has in the past claimed its victims. William Henry Harrison, the twenty-third President, was so excited by the celebrations that he proceeded to deliver a two-hour address in the bitter cold before riding back to the White House on a white stallion. The poor man contracted pneumonia and was dead within the month.

Washington rejects court's jurisdiction over Nicaraguan subversion complaint

From Mark Tran in Washington

The US said yesterday that it would no longer take part in proceedings at the International Court of Justice in The Hague where Nicaragua has accused Washington of breaching international law by mining its harbours.

In announcing the move, the against its previous acceptance *aragua of misusing the court* for propaganda and political purposes. It said that the court's decision last year that it had jurisdiction over the case was clearly erroneous. The case, the State Department said, presented political questions that were not susceptible to resolution by any court.

The US announcement goes against its previus acceptance of the court's compulsory jurisdiction. The State Department justified the US reversal of its position, by arguing that when it made that decison (to accept jurisdiction) in 1946, it never conceived a role for the court in "ongoing armed conflicts."

The US came under considerable criticism internationally and from Congress last year when it became clear that the CIA was behind the mining of *Nicaragua's harbours. Congressional* outrage forced the Administration to call off the operation and the episode led Congress to stop funding the anti Sandinista rebels.

Tony Jenkins adds from Managua: The Government and leaders of one of the counter-revolutionary groups fighting to overthrow the ruling Sandinista Front, are due to meet in Colombia today for a third round of peace talks.

However, the preparations for the meeting have been fraught with problems, which have cast doubts on the future of the negotiations.

Yesterday the leader of the Government delegation, the Deputy Interior Minister, Mr Luis Carrion, postponed his departure three times as he tried to secure an assurance from the rebel leaders that they *would attend the talks.*

Earlier in the week, the Government released a communique demanding a confirmation from Mr Brooklin Rivera, the head of the Misurasata counter-revolutionary group, that he would be present today in the Colombian capital, Bogota. Government sources said that the response had been "unclear."

The *Misurasata* fighters are members of indigenous Indian tribes based on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast.

According to Misurasata, the Sandinistas have recently launched an unpublicised new offensive against their forces.

Military sources here would not confirm that there are any military operations currently under way against Misurasata. However, one Sandinista spokesman, who asked not to *be identified, said that there* may be an attempt to pressure Mr Rivera to sign a ceasefire.

Meanwhile, Honduras has joined Costa Rica in its boycott of the next meeting of the Contadora group in Panama. The Honduran national security council decided on Thursday not to attend the session on February 14 and 15 as a way of expressing solidarity with Costa Rica in its diplomatic dispute with Nicaragua.

$600,000 sentence

From Jane Rosen in New York

NEW YORK City has agreed to give $600,000 to Mr Charles Daniels, a black labourer who was wrongfully convicted of a sex crime and spent four years in gaol.

Mr Daniels was arrested in 1978 and convicted of sexually assaulting a two-year-old boy and throwing him from the roof of a three-storey building.

The Legal Aid Society later found that the city had withheld evidence showing that a 10-year-old whose evidence secured the conviction had been under treatment for emotional illness when he testified. In 1982 a higher court reversed Mr Daniels's conviction, since which time he has been free.

European tour plan

Washington: President Reagan is planning a European tour in May that will probably include visits to Austria, Spain and Portugal, White House officials said yesterday.

But the White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes said there were no plans for Mr Reagan to meet the Soviet President, Mr Konstantin *Chernenko, while* he was in Europe.

The tour would follow the annual economic summit meeting of the US, Britain, France, West Germany, Canada, Italy and Japan that Mr Reagan is due to attend in Bonn from May 2 to 4.

Mr Speakes said Mr Reagan was thinking of visiting a number of countries after the economic summit. — Reuter.

No accord on Cyprus

From Jane Rosen in New York

The UN Secretary General, Mr Perez de Cuellar, said yesterday that, although some progress had been made in the latest Cyprus talks, he does not expect an agreement this weekend.

Appearing depressed, Mr Perez de Cuellar made his remarks after yesterday's meeting between President Kyprianou of Cyprus, the leader of the Greek Cypriots, and Mr Rauf Denktash, the leader of the Turkish Cypriots.

Mr de Cuellar said that "much more effort" would be needed from both sides "if we are to achieve positive results."

He reiterated that there now was a "unique opportunity" to resolve the long and complex dispute about the future of Cyprus and he hoped it would not be lost.

The latest talks began yesterday with UN officials expressing hopes that Mr Kyprianou and Mr Denktash would finally accept an agreement for the reunification of Cyprus. The plan calls for establishment of a unified federal republic composed of the two ethnic-based states with considerable local autonomy. *The president of the republic* would be a Greek Cypriot, the vice-president a Turkish Cypriot.

At the outset of the talks, Mr Denktash said the Turkish Cypriots have accepted the draft agreement . . . and have come here ready to sign it after a few dates and minor details are established."

However, the Greek Cypriot *spokesman insisted* that there was no draft agreement, only what he called a "draft agenda"

Accused security police chief 'censored damaging reports'

Torun: Colonel Adam Pietruszka of the security police censored damaging references to himself in two reports by Interior Ministry workers about their activities on the day that the pro-Solidarity priest, Fr Jerzy Popieluszko, was murdered, his trial heard yesterday.

The accusations were made as members of a human rights committee, set up in Warsaw to monitor allegations of police violence after the murder, accused the trial judges of trying to hush up some evidence.

The group, including former prominent members of Solidarity, claimed "the judges were making it difficult for lawyers representing the priest's family and his driver, who escaped during the abduction, to ask questions.

In the courtroom, Major Janusz Drozdz, aged 43, a subordinate of Colonel Pietruszka in the ministry's religious affairs department, told the Torun court that the references indicated that the colonel was aware of the movements of the accused killers.

In evidence Colonel Pietruszka said that he knew nothing of the whereabouts of his co-accused, Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, Lieutenant Leszek Pekala, and Lieutenant Waldemar Chmielewski, who are charged with premeditated murder.

Colonel Pietruszka has denied instigating the attack on Father Popieluszko because of his militant support for Solidarity and public attacks on Communist rule in Poland. The priest was kidnapped and murdered near Torun on October 19 and his body dumped in the River Vistula where it was found 11 days later.

Major Drozdz said that after Captain Piotrowski's arrest, the Deputy Interior Minister, Mr Wladyslaw Ciaston, ordered every employee of the department to write a report saying what he did on the day of the killing.

Colonel Pietruszka, who received the reports, complained that one written by Captain Piotrowski's secretary, Mrs Barbara Story, was too long and ordered her to make cuts. "He said the statement was so long that no one would want to read it," Major Drozdz said.

One passage Colonel Pietruszka marked for deletion said that when Captain Piotrowski left the office on October 19, he told Mrs Story: "If anyone is looking for me, Peitruszka knows where I am."

Major Drozdz said that Mrs Story reacted with disbelief when he passed on Colonel Pietruszka's order and he had the colonel repeat it to her personally by telephone.

Another report written by an employee identified as Zbigniew Stromecki, which also quoted Captain Piotrowski as saying that Colonel Pietruszka knew where he was, was similarly censored. Major Drozdz said that the originals of both reports were destroyed.

Referring to attack on Father Popieluszko on October 13 by the three junior officers when they stoned his car near Gdansk to try to make it crash, Major Drozdz said that Captain Piotrowski left him a note to say that Colonel Pietruszka knew where he was that day.—Reuter.

Child alcoholism warning in Portugal

From Jill Jolliffe in Lisbon

Doctors have sounded an alarm about the problem of child alcoholism in Portugal.

Dr Fidalgo Freitas, a psychiatrist in the northern city of Viseu, has called for urgent measures to tackle the problem, and other workers in the field have supported him.

He said that infantile alcoholism in the north of Portugal is widespread, arising from the rural custom of giving children brandy or wine to "given them strength." He said it is habitual in outlying rural areas for mothers to add wine to babies' bottles or to give schoolchildren brandy to warm them on the road to school.

He said that in Viseu, it had become necessary to create special classes for children who were falling asleep at their desks as a result of alcohol.

Two favourite mixtures given to children by their parents were "tired horse soup," made up of wine, bread and sugar and "little dollies," a combination of brandy and sugar.

"People in this region think that these mixtures make children strong," Dr Freitas said. "It is common for mothers to give babies wine in their bottles because it makes them sleep."

Punic War ends after 2,000 years

From George Armstrong in Rome

ROME, which destroyed Carthage in 146 BC, has been invited to sign a peace treaty in Carthage next month. The invitation comes from Carthage's mayor, Mr Chadli Klibi, and was delivered earlier this month to the mayor of Rome, Mr Ugo Vetere, who has accepted.

Apparently Mr Klibi, who is also secretary-general of the Arab League, is a tidy as well as peaceful man who *thinks the state of war be*tween the former rivals for control of the Mediterranean must formally cease. Titus are footnotes to history made.

Mr Vetere will fly to Tunis with a municipal delegation on February 3, modern Carthage being a suburb of the Tunisian capital. A pact of friendship and collaboration will be signed by the two mayors among the sparse ruins of the city which had a population of 700,000 when *Rome's general, Scipio* Aemilianus, destroyed it in the Third Punic War.

His orders were to leave not a building nor a blade of wheat standing. Salt was sprinkled to render the land forever barren.

Carthage was the largest Phoenician city and at one time conquered Sicily, Sardinia, and Spain. It was Cato the Censorius, sent to Carthage as a Roman envoy, who found the city altogether too prosperous and *too wicked. "Carthage must* be destroyed" became Cato's slogan on his return, and no speech of his ended without it.

At next month's ceremony there will be no representative of Hannibal, the Carthaginian general whose troops and elephants almost reached Rome, or of Senator Cato. This is, after all, a peace pact, to be signed between neighbours and traders.

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Sudanese execute Muslim leader

By Nick Cater

The execution yesterday of Mahmoud Mohammed Taha, the 76-year-old leader of Sudan's liberal Republican Brotherhood movement, marks a sharp turn towards repression by the troubled regime of President Numeiri.

Four other Republican Brothers, also found guilty of treason after they published a pamphlet criticising Islamic law, are due to be hanged tomorrow unless they recant. The threat has been described by Amnesty International officials, who are still organising appeals for clemency, as unprecendented.

Taha and his followers were released from 18 months' detention without trial in December. Supporters claim that the movement's printing press was returned with the understanding that they were unlikely to be gaoled again merely for printing leaflets.

They immediately published a pamphlet calling for Islamic Shari'a law, which the increasingly fundamentalist President Numeiri introduced without warning in 1983, to be replaced by a "liberal, spiritual legal system," based on the more interpretive "wisdom of the Prophet" rather than the harsher letter of the Koran.

The pamphlet also urged President Numeiri to try to find a political solution to the grievances of mainly pagan and Christian southern Sudan instead of stepping up the war against the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

The five men were arrested and found guilty on January 5 of charges under sections of the State Security Act which refer to actions undermining the Constitution or designed to bring down the Government.

With all political groups banned except the state-backed Sudanese Socialist Union, the five were also convicted of organising an illegal political party.

The appeal court confirmed the death sentences on Thursday, adding the rider that if Taha's four followers recanted within a month they should be spared. President Numeiri endorsed the decisions, ordered Taha's hanging, and reduced the others' stay of execution to three days.

Amnesty International has identified the four still to die as Khalid Babiker Hamza, a relative of Taha, Mohammed Salim Bashir, a shipping firm employee, a textile worker, Tajadin Abdulraziq, and a journalist, Abdulatif Omer Hasaballah.

A Republican Brother, now in Britain and a friend of the condemned men, said yesterday that he was sure they would not renounce their beliefs.

He claimed that police raided Taha's house on Thursday night, arresting all his family except two elderly female relatives. Disturbances had begun in Khartoum, he said, while students and lecturers at the city's university had condemned the executions.

Taha — known by his supporters as Al Ustaz, the teacher, — was a civil engineer when he founded the Republican Brotherhood in the 1940s.

He was first gaoled by the British in 1945 when he called for an end to the Anglo-Egyptian condominium then controlling Sudan and immediate independence.

Jet Britons rearrested

Lagos: Two British engineers accused of conspiring to steal an aircraft were discharged by a Lagos judge yesterday but arrested again immediately on leaving the courtroom.

They were arrested by two armed policemen led by the assistant commissioner, Abubaker Tsav, who said: "We have instructions from above to rearrest them." The men were taken to special branch headquarters.

Kenneth Clark and Angus Patterson were originally freed after an application by the State Prosecutor, A. A. Oladapo, to discontinue proceedings.

Mr Clark, aged 38, and Mr Patterson, aged 39, were first arrested last May after British pilot Mike Howard flew an executive jet out of Nigeria in defiance of a government ban on private flights imposed during a national banknote switchover. — Reuter.

Bodies will be flown home

Maputo: The bodies of two Britons murdered by Mozambican rebels last Sunday, will be flown to Britain next week for burial, the British embassy said yesterday.

Peter Hunt, aged 49, and his son Christopher, aged 24, were killed when gunmen stopped their car near the South African border post of Komatipoort. A post mortem report said they had been shot in the back.—Reuter.

Agencies show concern as war with rebels hinders relief

US opposes West Bank settlement of Ethiopians

From Mark Tran in Washington

A row is brewing between the US and Israel about the presence of Ethiopian Jewish refugees in the West Bank. The refugees recently arrived in Israel as part of an airlift in the wake of the famine in Ethiopia. The US embassy in Tel Aviv has complained to the Israeli Government at the arrival of 200 Ethiopians at the Kiryat Arba settlement outside Hebron in the West Bank. The US opposes settlements there.

The US has given Israel $12.5 million for 1985 in resettlement aid for new immigrants, and Washington wants to make sure that none of that money is used for enlarging settlements in the West Bank.

An Israeli diplomat in Washington said that it was incredible that the US was showing so much concern about such a minor issue — the presence of some 60 families at Kiryat Arba — while thousands of Ethiopian Jews were being settled in Israel.

"I don't know what the big fuss is about," said the diplomat.

About 10,000 Ethiopian Jews have arrived from Ethiopia. Israel, reportedly with some US financial help, paid a Belgian charter company to take refugees out of the country via Sudan. Sudan backed out of the scheme when the operation became public.

Meanwhile, US officials testifying on Capitol Hill told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, under its new Chairman, Mr Richard Lugar, that fighting between the Ethiopian Government and the rebel groups in the north, Tigre and Eritrea, was hampering relief efforts.

The head of the Agency for International Development, Mr Peter McPherson, said disruptions could mean starvation for millions of people.

The committee was meeting to discuss the Reagan Administration's request for $1 billion in famine relief for 28 drought-stricken African countries.

Roy Gutman adds: The Reagan Administration and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee condemned the Government of Ethiopia on Thursday for seizing an Australian relief shipment destined for famine-stricken provinces held by anti-Government rebels.

"We frankly find this unconscionable if the facts are as they appear to be," Mr McPherson, told a special hearing.

Mr Lugar said that Ethiopia should be put on notice that if it continued to impound shipments and to carry out "disastrous" agricultural policies, the patience of the US and other donors would run out.

Senator Nancy Kassebaum said that she was surprised that food aid might not be reaching the hungry and suggested that all donor nations jointly put pressure on Ethiopia to change the situation.

Mr Lugar, whose committee processes foreign aid requests, said that Americans would want to know "why we ought to be involved at all with a Government that shows no signs whatever of adopting a policy to help itself?

"Most people in this country can't understand how people could starve each other to begin with. It's beyond their comprehension," he said.

"If people are determined to fight a war and starve each other out and secondly to go into a disastrous agricultural policy, in which there is no hope of alleviation of famine, at some stage. . . Ethiopia ought to be on notice. . . the patience of the rest of the world is likely to decline."

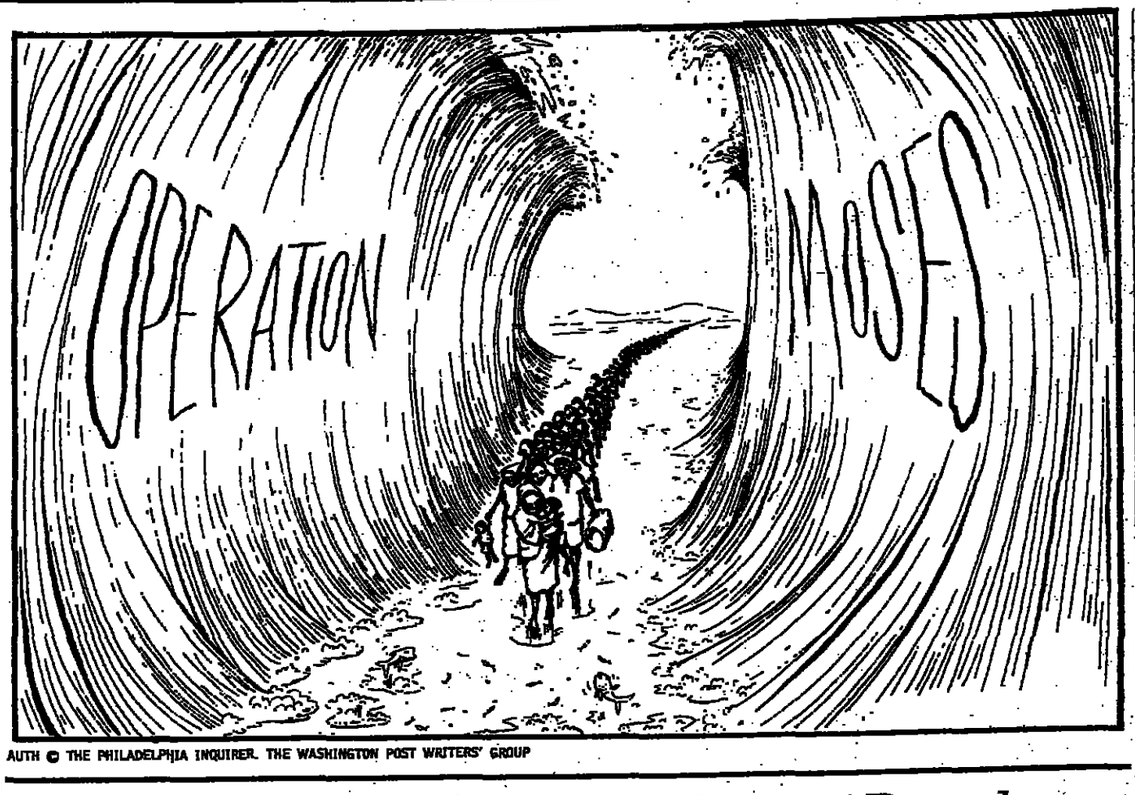
Mr McPherson said that he was "comfortable" with plans currently providing 351,900 tons of food valued at $329 million in the current year. He cautioned that sending too much food would become a disincentive for farmers in sub-Saharan Africa.

Meanwhile, representatives of private relief agencies criticised as inadequate, AID's plans for food aid to 21 African countries hit by the drought or facing famine.

But Mr Philip Johnston, the Executive Director of Care, said that the Administration's January 3 request for $235 million in supplemental appropriations funds "will prove to be inadequate."—Newsday.

Australia yesterday lodged a formal diplomatic protest against Ethiopia for seizing $1.2 million worth of famine relief supplies intended for rebel-held areas of the drought-stricken country.

The Australian embassy in Addis Ababa, said the protest was followed by a discussion about the dispute between the Ethiopian Vice-Foreign Minister, Mr Tebebu Bekele and the Australian Chargé d'Affaires Mr Les Luck. — AP.



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Egypt unlikely to repatriate men accused of Libyan plot

From Kathryn Davies in Cairo

The Interior Minister, Mr Ahmed Rushdie, in an interview published today in the Cairo weekly, Akhbar al-Yom, has indicated that two Britons held in connection with an alleged plot to murder a Libyan exile are unlikely to be handed over to Britain soon.

Mr Anthony Gill and Mr Godfrey Shiner who, with two Maltese, have been detained since mid-November, have still not been formally charged by the authorities. Egyptian intelligence officials said that they foiled a plot by the four men to organise the killing of Mr Abdel Hamid Bakoush, a former Libyan prime minister who has lived in Cairo for the past eight years.

There has been speculation that the two men would be released and handed over to the British authorities for questioning about their alleged involvement in other attempts by Colonel Gadafy to eliminate his political opponents, and about the illegal departure of a prominent Libyan from Britain who was wanted on drugs charges.

Mr Rushdie said that the Bakoush case was political, not criminal.

"Usually in such cases, Egypt takes account of her own interests. So far, I have found no justification for transferring this case or prosecuting it on British territory, since the events took place in Egypt."

In the same interview, the Interior Minister said that the security forces have arrested 25 alleged Communists in the past week.

Ten days ago, the State Security Court sentenced six alleged Communists to prison terms of up to five years for illegal possession of explosives and firearms. Ten others were acquitted.

Saharan tension rises after Moroccan plane shot down

By Victoria Brittain

Tension is growing between Algeria and Morocco after heavy fighting between Polisario guerrillas and the Moroccan army only five miles from the Algerian border.

Earlier this week, Morocco confirmed the loss of a Mirage F-1 fighter bomber which it claimed had been brought down by a missile from "a neighbouring state."

The statement appeared to be part of a domestic campaign to win support for King Hassan's policies which are under serious attack internally and externally.

Polisario officials said that three of Morocco's American-made planes were shot down this week as a big guerrilla offensive got under way.

The guerrillas are now equipped with sophisticated weapons including Sam-6 missiles. Morocco is being forced increasingly on to the defensive in the long war of attrition.

Moroccan troops are building a wall round a part of the disputed former Spanish colony of Western Sahara occupied by 130,000 Moroccan troops, but recently recognised as Africa's 51st country — the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic — by the organisation of African Unity.

The giving of a seat at the OAU summit in Addis Ababa to the SADR was a diplomatic defeat which caused King Hassan to withdraw from the organisation in November. The move left him isolated in Africa.

Last month at the UN, he suffered another diplomatic setback when 90 countries called for direct negotiations to start between Morocco and Polisario.

The King has refused repeated calls from African leaders for a ceasefire and a referendum for the Saharoui people. Last year's unexpected pact between Morocco and Libya has also isolated Morocco in the Arab world.

Domestic economic problems are growing too under the strain of the nine-year-old war which is no longer the popular cause it once was.

Round two to Sharon

NEW YORK: A jury yesterday ruled in favour of the former Israeli defence minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, on the second of three critical issues in his $50 million libel suit against Time magazine.

The second question dealt with the truth or falsity of the Time report about the 1982 massacre of Palestinians in Beirut.

On Wednesday, the jury of four women and two men ruled that Mr Sharon had been defamed by Time when it said he had discussed the need for revenge with Christian Phalange leaders before their forces entered the Palestinian camps at Chatilla and Sabra.

The jury still has to decide whether Time published the article knowing it was false, or with reckless disregard for the truth.

Mr Sharon, aged 56 and now Israel's Minister of Industry and Commerce, must win on all three issues in order to win his suit under US law. But he has already claimed a moral victory, and said earlier yesterday that the former Israeli prime minister, Mr Menachem Begin, had sent a congratulatory message.

Only if Mr Sharon gets affirmative answers on all three questions will the jury decide if his reputation was harmed and how much compensation he should receive. The jury will meet again today.—Reuter.

Riot police ready for trouble as Mitterrand flies to Noumea

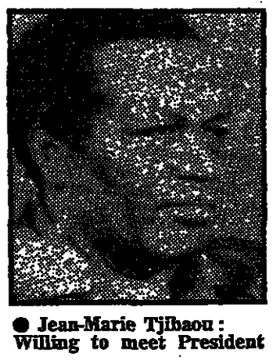
Noumea, New Caledonia: Thousands of soldiers and riot police prepared for the arrival today of President Mitterrand on a mission to try to restore calm to this Pacific island which is torn by riots and fighting between independence forces and their opponents.

Heavily-armed riot police patrolled the streets of Noumea as units of elite paratroopers of the French army mounted patrols in the surrounding countryside. More than 300 riot police in dark blue uniforms and armed with rifles, machineguns, batons, shields and riot helmets guarded roads leading to the High Commission.

Mr Mitterrand is to arrive today on his private jet after a 24-hour flight from Paris. He is scheduled to spend just 12 hours on New Caledonia in a dramatic bid to revive efforts on finding a peaceful solution to the independence crisis.

Anti-independence leaders called on their supporterts to stage a huge march in Noumea today, to show Mr Mitterrand how determined the island is to remain under French rule. Europeans were putting up hundreds of French flags outside their homes, and flags hung in almost every shop window in town.

Mr Mitterrand said he was coming to New Caledonia to show support for the high commissioner, Mr Edgard Pisani, who has been trying to find a political solution to the island's problems.



● Jean-Marie Tjibaou: Willing to meet President

Mr Pisani has proposed giving independence to New Caledonia under a plan which includes France maintaining control over defence and internal security.

The independence leader, Mr Jean-Marie Tjibaou told a news conference yesterday that he was willing to meet Mr Mitterrand.

The announcement of Mr Mitterrand's visit came on Wednesday after two days of rioting by anti-independence Europeans in Noumea and the death of two independence front leaders in a separate clash with French security forces.

The Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front, which claims to represent most of the native Kanak people, is demanding independence from France. Independence is strongly opposed by most of the Europeans, Polynesians and Asians who make up 57 per cent of the island's 150,000 people.

Nineteen people have been killed in clashes over independence since the middle of November.—AP.

Murder tape led to arrest of officers

Taipei: Several senior military officials have been implicated by a tape recording in the murder of a Taiwanese dissident in California last year.

Official sources said yesterday that the tape provided names and details of the murder.

The Taiwan Government admitted on Tuesday that its intelligence officers were involved in the murder of Henry Liu, a stern critic of Taiwan who was shot dead by three Asians in Daly City, California, last October.

The tape, recorded by Chen Chi-Li, a leading Taiwanese underworld figure named by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as one of the killers, identified several senior military officials who, Chen said, knew in advance of the plot, according to the sources.

Three senior intelligence officers have been arrested, but only Colonel Chen Fu-Men, a deputy department head in the military intelligence bureau, has been identified.

Vice Administrator Wong-Shi-Lin, aged 57, who was dismissed as head of the bureau on Tuesday, is reported also to be in military custody.

The sources said US authorities have a copy of the Chen tape, and this had forced the Taiwan Government to admit the involvement of its intelligence officers.

The China Times, a newspaper owned and published by senior Nationalist officials, reported that Chen made three copies of the tape and left them with friends in the United States and Taiwan. The paper said he recorded details of his meetings with the military officials to protect himself.

The paper said, however, that Chen Chi-Li's offer failed to secure the protection sought. During a government crackdown on organised crime last October, just after the murder, he and a colleague were arrested.

One government source said that investigators now had firm evidence that Chen met several senior intelligence officers before he left for the United States last September.

Exiles are moved on

Bangkok: Fighting erupted again yesterday between Vietnamese troops and Kampuchean guerrillas as international aid workers began moving 62,000 Kampuchean civilians to safer areas inside Thailand, Thai military officials said.

The exodus of civilians from an evacuation site near the embattled guerrilla base of Nong Samet began amid fresh clashes north of the embattled guerrilla base on the western Kampucheam border, the officials said that they had no details of the fighting.

The move to the UN-run Khao-i-Dang camp, about five miles from the border, is the second relocation of refugees from Nong Samet base of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

Aid officials said "the move would take two or three days.

On December 25, Thai and aid officials evacuated Nong Samet civilians to a site known as Red Hill, less than a mile inside Thailand.—Reuter.

Curfew-bound Tamils live on nerves and dwindling resources

SRI LANKAN security forces have captured a large quantity of weapons during raids on three guerrilla camps in the troubled northern province during the past 10 days, the National Security Minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, said yesterday.

The weapons, ranging from different types of guns and ammunition to anti-tank hand grenades and portable rocket launchers, were displayed to reporters at army headquarters yesterday.

The minister said that the weapons, manufactured abroad, had been purchased or received as gifts from foreign sources. He did not identify the sources.—Reuter.

From Eric Silver in Mannar, Sri Lanka

THE NARROW road to Mannar, the south-western border of Tamil separatist assaults and ambitions, might have been built for ambushes.

Forests on either side, thick with undergrowth, offer cover and a bolt-hole. The surface craters, due as much to rain and neglect as to the occasional landmine, slow one to a perpetual crawl.

One sees more cattle, monkeys, and vivid blue or white birds along the way than people. In a 50-mile stretch, there was not a single private car, and no police or army presence until we reached a government farm at Murunkan, 15 miles from Mannar.

At a cement roadblock, designed to rip off the exhaust and silencer of anyone rash enough to drive through without stopping, steel-helmeted soldiers armed with vintage Kalashnikov automatic rifles searched every cranny of our car before letting us go on.

Like Jaffna to the north, Mannar is an island linked to the mainland by a causeway. It is the end of the road, with only the sea and a ferry between you and India. The ferry, like much else, is suspended.

The town's 35,000 people, mostly Roman Catholic Tamils with a scattering of Muslim shopkeepers, have been living on their nerves and their dwindling resources since December 4, when the army killed 102 civilians in revenge for the death of a soldier whose jeep was mined.

Mannar, along with the rest of the northern province, is curfew-bound every night from 6pm to 5am. The shops close at 2pm when the irregular bus services go off the road. The train no longer comes here.

Fishing, the town's main source of income, is at a standstill. The 5,000 fishermen cannot even go on the beach, let alone put to sea, because the Government has declared the straits a "prohibited zone" in its drive to stop the Tiger terrorists crossing to and from their havens in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The fishermen are restricted to what they can catch in lagoons.

"People are living on rice and fish," a local businessman said. "That's what you can get in the vicinity. Everything else used to come from Colombo, but now there are no lorries, no cars and no trains. We can get some bread because there is still flour in the government stores.

"But vegetables are not coming in any more. The milk board stopped milk supplies after December 4." The one hotel still operating offers "bed but no food".

Whenever there is an incident nearby, everybody locks himself in. "They are afraid the army will shoot them," A telephone operator explained. "And only emergency cases go to hospital. There was a robbery there a couple of months ago. The November salaries were taken.

Now everybody is scared, the patients and the hospital staff. They are afraid of both sides, the army and the militants." (He did not say in so many words that it was the Tigers who did the robbing).

Business, too, is marking time. Agents and partners do not come any more from Colombo.

The Church is living under siege. Two weeks ago a village priest was one of 10 people killed by the army on church premises. His body was never found. The government claimed this week that no witnesses had come forward to testify to his death, but this was contested yesterday by the Bishop of Mannar, Dr Thomas Savundara-Nayagam.

"On December 13 and 14," he insisted, "CID officers came to Mannar. We produced six witnesses and their statements were recorded in the police station."

When I asked if I could meet one of them, the bishop replied: "Now they have gone back to their villages. They are scared. Now the security services know their names and addresses."

The Church, it seems, cannot protect them. "What can we do to protect them?" the bishop asked. "We can do nothing to protect ourselves. We live in fear and trembling. We don't feel safe even in our own mission houses.

"One of my priests was killed in the presbytery. Another was brought here in secret by his parishioners after soldiers had gone to his church three days in succession asking where he was."

As a reminder of how well-founded are Mannar's fears, dozens of shops burned by the army last august still stand charred and empty in the market square. On quiet days the troops are not particularly conspicuous, but they are never far away.

"Do you have any problems," a shopkeeper was asked. "Not all the time," he answered. "Not all the time."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Suspects may be set free

THE Italian Justice Minister has told the Chamber of Deputies that 1,320 suspected criminals will be released from prisons on February 2 unless Parliament immediately votes to freeze a civil rights law which it approved last summer, writes George Armstrong.

Among those now detained who would automatically be set free are eight accused of massacres, 466 accused of murder, and 140 accused of kidnapping.

The Italian Parliament last summer approved a bill which would reduce the maximum time a defendant could be detained without trial from the present nine years to about half. Those charged with less serious crimes had to be freed after serving from one to three years, unless a definitive sentence had been handed down.

Cholera deaths

AT least 900 people have died of cholera in Bangladesh in the past three months, the Bengali-language newspaper Banglar Bani reported. It said more than 5,000 people had been stricken with cholera and 700 had died in the past month in the Sunamganj district, 200 miles north-east of Dhaka. — AP.

Flights curbed

ISRAEL'S national airline, El Al, has been instructed to stop flying over Jerusalem's Temple Mount and a large cemetery near Tel Aviv for fear of sacrilege. A company spokesman said the order was issued by the Transport Ministry because of pressure by orthodox rabbis. — Reuter.

Record breakers

A CHAIN of religious-based Dutch schools has ordered pupils to destroy their rock records by the Rolling Stones, Beatles and others, because they allegedly contain "satanic messages." — AP.

Hijacker foiled

A WOULD-BE hijacker's attempt to commandeer a US airliner to Cuba was foiled yesterday when the Eastern Airlines plane landed in Orlando, Florida, and the crew convinced him he was in Havana. — Reuter.

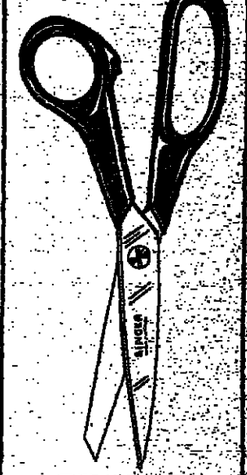
Refinery blast

EXPLODING gas and chemicals triggered a huge fire yesterday in an oil refinery near Cologne, injuring more than 20 people and sending a burning cloud 1,600 feet into the air. — AP.

Ship attacked

IRAQI aircraft "successfully raided" an unidentified ship near Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the Gulf yesterday, a military spokesman said. — AP.

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When Bruce Kent became CND's general secretary five years ago, there were 3,000 members; now, as he is about to give up the post, there are 110,000 national members and about 400,000 more local ones. But what have they achieved? 'If we are talking about tangible gains,' says Mgr Kent, 'it would be tempting to say nothing. No weapons have been sent back, no bases closed, nothing has been agreed.' Susan Thomas asks whether mere protest can ever ban the bomb, and whether CND's only real hope is in completing its conversion of the Labour Party and working for a Labour victory at the polls.

None of our missiles is missing

THE YEARS of CND between 1958 and 1985, have a fearful symmetry about them like the stripes on the face of the tiger. Every pause and escalation of the arms race has been mirrored by the activities of the disarmers. Today there are both more peace campaigners and more strategic weapons than ever before; at the start of 1985, we stand poised between Peace Talks and Star Wars, Nuclear Freeze and Nuclear Winter.

The researches of Dr Paul Rogers, senior lecturer at the Bradford School of Peace Studies, show that since 1979, a period of phenomenal growth in the peace movement, America has increased *her stock of large land, sea, or* air based nuclear missiles from 9,000, to 11,000 and Russia from 5,500 to 9,000. The USSR has doubled the number of SS20s on the ground, and the US is accelerating the rate at which Pershings are going into Europe.

"To be frank," says Dr Rogers, "the peace movement has had no impact at all on the arms race. It is a profoundly depressing picture only alleviated by the remarkable increase in public understanding of defence issues. Now ordinary members of the public ask the most sophisticated questions about weapons and strategy. And their understanding is almost entirely due to the well researched and presented CND fact sheets."

This seems small consolation, however, as Labour loses the election, cruise missiles go into Greenham and Molesworth, and the Government invests £10 billions in Trident while cutting back on everything that makes life worthwhile. So what have been CND's achievements during the past five years that Bruce Kent has been its general secretary?

"If we are talking about tangible gains," says Bruce Kent, "it would be tempting to say 'nothing'. No weapons have been sent back, no bases closed, nothing has been agreed. Even Mrs Gandhi's eminently modest and reasonable Five Nations *Peace Proposals were not* accepted."

But he believes that in the last five years the campaign has become a vigorous broad based *movement*, able to accommodate "all sorts of ordinary people," and that it has created a general critical awareness of the whole nuclear issue.

Thus in 1979 the campaign was a tiny, 3,000 member, forgotten cause — "So forgotten that the BBC heralded the arrival of Greenpeace as the movement which was to replace CND and I had to write, very humbly, pointing out that we were still here.

"Now we have 110,000 national members and around 400,000 at local level as well as all the professional and special interest groups allied to the campaign." The membership rises with every setback. The election, the arrival of cruise, the collapse of peace talks, all bring a flood of new members, most of whom, he says, never had the least interest in the debate before.

As for consciousness raising, "Defence has become the subject of national debate, discussed by just about every professional body in the country, by women's groups, trade unions, churches, and political workers."

Two new appointments, one to work with the unions and the other with Parliament, *have raised the level of* understanding. The regular, all-party briefings have proved popular, attracting even the occasional Tory MP, and the standard of Opposition questioning in Parliament is dramatically improved. Had Labour candidates been as well informed 18 months ago, there might have been fewer lost seats. Then there is the joint funding, with Barrow Trades Council, of a research worker to identify alternative, peaceful employment for the builders of Trident. But Trident represents years of vastly expensive research and development, and it takes more than sweet reason and a blue print for low cost housing developments to defeat the defence technology lobby.

It is all good stuff, filling in a background which makes the BMA's denunciation of Civil Defence, the scientists' theory of Nuclear Winter (now accepted by the Pentagon but not the MoD), and some excellent TV documentaries, that much more telling. Threads, whose horrifing depiction of life after the bomb tripled membership applications in the following weeks, made a particular impact. But still the debate has not deterred a single missile implant.

Nor has it successfully challenged the belief that if Britain gives up nuclear weapons, Russian hordes will swarm across Europe and invade. "Ask people if we should use nuclear weapons *and 55 per cent say No,*" says Kent. "Ask them if we should get rid of nuclear weapons and 65 per cent say No. They still believe the myth of deterrence." Given the degree of media support for the idea, this is not surprising.

"Probably our most tangible achievement was the Nuclear Free councils' cancellation of Hard Rock, the 1982 national civil defence exercise." The loss of face from that fiasco, joyously dubbed Hard Luck by the peace people, resulted, he says, in the £31 millions non-nuclear fantasy staged in Germany last summer. "Operation Lionheart was a vastly expensive, total nonsense. Germany is full of nuclear weapons, and military doctrines support their use either early or late in the conflict. No way can you have a non-nuclear exercise there." But if Lionheart was an embarrassment to the Government, ministers did not let it show, using the exercise as an opportunity to school the media in war reporting and give viewers another heartwarming glimpse of our boys over there.

Once again the Government's media management team won the day. CND may have one of the best press offices in the business, with 24 hour, 365 day a year cover, but it cannot match the Conservative Party in power for *cash, clout, and contacts.* The Tory propaganda machine has recently had other things on its mind, but come election time, it will roll into action again, and then how will CND counteract the pro-nuclear message?

Bruce Kent pins his hopes on truth. "I happen to believe that truth is a very powerful tool. We need to be more visible, have more supporters, ordinary people wearing CND badges in trains, offices, shops, prepared to discuss the issues and giving the lie to the Government's claim that we are all left-wing extremists. We can only be better known, more credible, have more people convinced of the rightness of our position, and therefore more people who are sceptical about what the Government is doing."

It is, says CND's chairman Joan Ruddock, a necessarily lengthy process of education, information, and conviction. "And to be honest I don't know if we have enough time. But that is not an argument for giving up." Nor she says, is it an argument for an alliance with the Labour Party.

"It is true that, at the moment, in the real world of British politics, the only way to get weapons out and bases dismantled would be through Labour policies, but policies can change and there is more to the manifesto than that. The Labour Party's first aim is to win the election. Ours is to get rid of nuclear weapons. *CND is a single issue pressure* group. We have to maintain our integrity or lose large sections of the membership."

Neither does the leadership see it as any part of CND's brief to win the election for Labour, only to educate the electorate to demand disarmament from all parties.

As for whether peaceful protest will ever win the day, there has been a perceptible shift in attitude. Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA), used by Greenham Women and Greenpeace activists, has become a major part of the peace movement in Britain today. But though it has just published a legal advice pack explaining how to deal with civil and military police, NVDA is not central to CND's programme and most protesters take direct action on their own initiative as Quakers, Catholics, Greens, or whatever. The civil disobedience at the Ministry of Defence this week was by people representing Catholic Peace Action, not CND.

Inevitably NVDA has entered the debate, and so, with Bhopal and Ethiopia, has Third World poverty and its relationship to defence. Even there, Kent maintains, the press, the Church, the major charities are all pussyfooting around the link between starvation and the arms race. "The single biggest cause of poverty in the world today is *the arms race. Just consider* Ethiopia, millions are dying, yet with Tornado aircraft at £25 millions for two, we order 100 for this country alone."

"One of the most interesting encounters I ever had" said Joan Ruddock, "was with a group of Americans working in foreign affairs and development. 'Somewhere, sometime,' they said to me, 'we have to stop the Russians. It is a competition for raw materials, supply lines, and control of the Third World. The US has to maintain its position in the world and if that means going to war with the Soviets, so be it.'

"'And,' said one, 'If I was living in Europe now, I'd be in your campaign because I know that if that ever comes about, you're going to die'."

If CND got that message to the electorate in time, it could change the course of history, but only if the people believe in their capacity to change events. Otherwise, there is the risk, as the motto in one of CND's own Christmas crackers explained, of being led into a war willy nilly: "Naturally the common people don't want war. But voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of their leaders." And who said that? Hermann Goering.

Now, an increasing number of peace people have come to believe that in a flawed democracy, debate, demonstration, and availability to a biased media is not the way to *change policies. They are the* ones who are branching out into NVDA, leaving CND to steer a middle course within the law and so remain a reckonable force within the establishment.

Thus CND has become an enabler, encouraging research, disseminating information, involved in national and international debate, providing stability for the movement. Slow, careful, responsible, it is winning support, but maybe not fast enough. Triple the membership and the missiles might start to go.

In the meantime the activists have chosen the direct approach. Next Saturday their views.



picture by Susan Thomas

Bruce Kent: 'The single biggest cause of poverty in the world today is the arms race. Just consider Ethiopia, millions are dying, yet with Tornado aircraft at £25 million for two, we order 100 for this country alone'.



As the gentle people sat down to their vegetarian dinner, reports Tony Harman, the slaughtermen were engaged in a last frantic effort to destroy all the pigs, all the turkeys, all the beef cattle.

A pig's life

OVER five thousand of them sat down that night to a vegetarian meal in the new, huge, vegetarian restaurant just off the Great West Road. They had a meal of nuts, beans, and salads from all over the world, with plenty of alcohol, because that is all vegetable. The walls were adorned with gory pictures of slaughterhouses and things that would never happen again.

The catering firm had built the restaurant many years before to protect themselves against the possibility of what later was to happen. They made the decision after all the food on their refreshment counters in Earls Court had been poisoned during Smithfield Show week, and the show had to be abandoned. They suffered their losses and prepared for the future.

The gentle people's campaign had been long and hard. Many of them at first had suffered quite considerably until they got an ascendancy over everybody else. Long before debate took place in Parliament, people had been worn down by small pressure groups everywhere shouting obscenities when they were eating in restaurants, demonstrating outside slaughter houses, poisoning food and, sometimes, even blowing up the slaughter houses. In the end, people just could not be bothered. If the protesters wanted it to happen so badly, let it happen.

The majority of the Members of Parliament were not convinced. Some had always been supporters of reform. Most of them just gave way to the energetic pressure groups who thought that solidarity with animals was the most important issue that had ever been and that man must not kill and eat any animal ever. A few older members in the Commons, and even more in the Lords, tried to stem the pressure and pointed out some of the dangers. Man originally, in the stone-age days, had been mainly carnivorous. He had lived by hunting, also collecting nuts and berries, but primarily by hunting and fishing.

But the reformers would not have this. They just would not believe it. People who lived in peace and tranquillity in an idyllic world could not possibly have brought themselves to kill anything. It could not be true. Remember Piltdown Man. Scientists have often faked history. When somebody tried to reason with them, he would be shouted down with continuous cries of, "Nuts, nuts, nuts . . ." or, occasionally, christened The Piltdown Man.

Some religious groups had tried to fuel opposition. Jewish organisations declared kosher slaughtering and the eating of meat were part of the Jewish tradition and that kosher slaughtering was absolutely humane and should be exempted from any regulations. The Muslim community, by now very strong, said that from the beginning Mohammed had accepted the eating of meat, so it was right for them, and their particular method of slaughter was right for animals. But nobody would hear any of it. They obviously could not be bothered.

The Hindu population, also by now quite considerable, had no strong views about it. Indeed, they were better prepared by their traditions to deal with the situation than anybody else.

So the Act was passed and, as from April 1, no butchers' shops were to be opened, no slaughterhouses were to be operated, no animals were to be slaughtered for human consumption, and restaurants who served meat would be prosecuted. The advocates of the Bill said there was provision for everything. There would be re-training courses for the younger butchers and slaughtermen in hydroponics so that they would not lose anything by the change. The older ones could live on their pensions. Of course, livestock farmers had no right to any compensation. After all, they have been profiteering out of the rest of the population for thousands of years. When somebody said they had always lived at a lower level than the urban population, they were not believed. It was just supposed to be special pleading.

In the days before April 1, there was frantic slaughtering. People who were strongly addicted to meat ate nothing else. The dog food firms filled every tin that they could find and wondered what they would do when they had sold them all. In the meantime, they would, no doubt, do very well.

A commission of vets and food manufacturers sought to find viable substitutes for dogs. There were problems because protein seeds and vegetables throughout the world were going to be in short supply. The Scottish Nationalists were complaining bitterly that the Department of Agriculture for Scotland had neglected its duty in the preparatory period by not breeding some form of bean or nut which would grow in the Outer Hebrides. What were people going to do without sheep there? They could not eat the sheep — they could keep them for the wool, but they could not eat them.

As the gentle people all sat *down to their vegetarian* dinner, the slaughtermen were engaged in a last frantic effort to destroy all the pigs in the country, all the turkeys in the country, and a great part of the sheep and all the beef cattle. It had been considered advisable to place small numbers of all the species in *various zoos up and down the* country so that the population could go and see specimens of the poor creatures on which their ancestors had battened, but all the rest had to go.

Of course, nobody in the industry could conceive it was ever really going to happen, so the last minute rush was terrible. They could not hear it in that catering firm's air-conditioned dining room, but there was more squealing *going on in the slaughter*houses of Britain that night than in many months previously. Pigs were being killed as fast as men could handle them and men were working like demons, knowing that they would never have to do it again.

By midnight, there was an emergency. The sewers in Watford were overflowing with blood because the slaughtermen had not been able to contend with it all and had let it go down the sewers. Shortly afterwards, there were complaints about pollution of the rivers in the North-west and in North Wales, all blocked with blood.

Meanwhile, out in the countryside, all the knackers had been pressed into service. Farmers were digging pits, destroying their animals and putting them in the pits because there was no market for them.

The celebration was going well at the vegetarian dinner. Nobody would ever soil themselves by eating meat again. Animals were their brothers and it was tantamount to cannibalism to eat them. During the evening, somebody asked the chairman, "What shall we do now that the campaign is over — *there's nothing to campaign* about?" He said, "Oh, we have missed a few things along the way. Oysters are such simple creatures that they were not covered by the definitions of the Bill and, no doubt, greedy people will be gorging themselves on poor oysters from now on. So we *will have to bring in another* Bill to stop their slaughter. You'll remember we brought in the fish-with-gills during the course of the Bill through Parliament." And they all looked forward to another campaign

A week or two later, it became apparent that in the Third World, people were suffering from a total lack of protein because their governments and their businessmen, anticipating the demand, had sold all the high protein seeds — all the beans, all the peas, all the nuts — to Britain and had made a killing, that is, in financial terms, and their own people were getting desperately short. Recriminations started and everybody blamed everybody else for not making proper plans.

Of course, people were still getting milk. But milk prices rocketed. It soon became apparent that if you had to throw cows away when they were old, and throw all the males away anyway, milk cost a lot more to produce. Well, that is an easy one to answer: dairy products are bad for you anyway. That has been known for a long time.

Woollen clothing began to get as dear as fur coats had been years ago before they were abolished. Of course, fur coats were the first thing to go. But now, you could not eat the sheep so you could not keep as *many*, so the wool was in very short supply and very expensive.

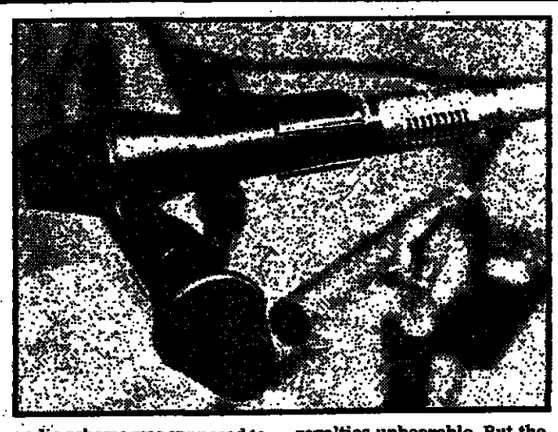
The gentle people, the animal lovers, had done their work. In Britain at least, nobody was killing and eating poor animals. Some were eating meat on their holidays but, soon, a test would be devised so that meat eaters could be detected when they returned to Britain and treated.

No squealing pigs were being loaded into lorries to go to slaughter houses. Indeed, there was no squealing because there were no pigs and the campaigners glowed with self-righteousness. But they had not found a way to prepare food for the dogs from vegetables and the dogs had not been reformed and still killed rabbits and rats. So, kill the dogs — kill all the dogs.

After a while, the children threw away all their toy farm animals because they did not know what they were, and demanded more rockets.

Tony Harman is a Buckinghamshire farmer

picture by Don McPhee



Radio Shambles

People still listen to the radio in their millions, but few of them realise the state of chaos throughout the industry. Colin Walters suggests some controversial reforms that should be put into immediate effect.

THE BBC is steeling itself for the rejection of its demand for a 41 per cent increase in the TV licence fee. None of the Whitehall smoke signals can have given the Corporation comfort. In the struggle to find new ways of plugging the gap between its steadily increasing spending and its inadequate licence income, the Government will press the BBC to devise new money raising schemes — and I suppose it's inevitable that radio will be roped in. The BBC is already flirting with the idea of reviving the radio licence, while No. 10 has suggested ads on Radios One and Two.

One BBC idea is that car radios could be licensed at point of purchase by a one-off payment of £10. This would provide a significant disincentive to ownership of car radios, thus to listening. Since radio is far from being top of the BBC's priority list, they might not care too much. But secondary victims would be the independent stations — whose revenue and indeed existence depend on maximising listening.

Another suggestion is that each home is licensed for radio — with the payment made through the rates. Presumably the assumption here would be that no home can afford to be without a radio so every home pays. There could scarcely be an alternative to this approach since radio detector vans are neither technically nor economically practical. This home licence would be a disgraceful tax levied in the name of a medium which is being delivered free by 48 independent Local Radio stations and indeed by whom the same number of illegal pirate operators . . . and if the Government has its way hundreds of small power community stations too.

The fact that these hare-brained schemes are being touted hints at the lamentable state of national policy on the radio industry. Development in local radio has been bedevilled by the proprietorial jealousies of the two broadcasting bureaucracies and their (and Parliament's) misguided insistence on centrally imposed "standards." Nationally the picture is hopelessly lopsided with the BBC holding an unhealthy domination through four networks and the independents having none. With this Government's thirst for denationalisation, it is astonishing that this imbalance continues.

If the BBC gets all the cash it wants it says it will, among other things, "extend the local radio network to reach the seven and a half million people in England still deprived of the service." But many of the BBC stations have embarrassingly low listener support. Independent research shows that BBC Radio London has a regular audience of only 11 per cent of Londoners — each one listening for less than an hour a day. LBC in London has more than double Radio London's volume of listening, while Capital Radio has five times more. In Birmingham and Manchester there is a similar picture with the commercial stations collecting five or six times the listening won by BBC local radio. ILR predominance over BBC local stations is similar across the nation. Is it really worth using valuable licence money to extend a radio system that so few listeners want?

The original BBC local radio scheme was supposed to provide scores of stations each covering a truly homogeneous community. In 17 years the BBC has managed to open only 30 stations and has been forced to extend the frontiers of some to give a semblance of nationwide coverage. So we have BBC Radio West Midlands, BBC Radio Lancashire, BBC Radio West Sussex. Now there is talk in the Corporation of splintering the biggest of the BBC stations into smaller "community" units. So Radio Manchester might disappear to be replaced by Radios Oldham, Stockport, Bury, and so on. But since the BBC can't afford the present system, it's difficult to see how they could finance such a costly exercise.

If the BBC *is* making a mess of local radio expansion, the commercial side is not doing a lot better. There are 48 independent local radio stations, with three more in line. After these 51, there'll only be more stations if contenders for franchises are prepared to pay the full cost of setting up, in the IBA's words, "without support from the rest of the ILR system." (The considerable cost of setting up a transmitter for each new station is currently borne by the IBA using rentals from existing stations). This will probably present an insuperable obstacle to many consortia. So towns like Taunton, Shrewsbury, Oxford, and Derby will have to do without commercial radio — or at least until an enterprising pirate comes along.

Now I applaud the motivation for the IBA's move — to cut down the costs of its existing stations, many of whom find their burden of unavoidable rentals and royalties unbearable. But the IBA's scheme will only work if it immediately encourages stations adjacent to unserved areas to expand and provide a wider geographical service.

It is astonishing that after 17 years of local radio in this country, with the two major broadcasting organisations working at it and with recognised interest in local radio from listeners, there are still significant communities without a dedicated local station. The reason is that we won't trust ordinary folk to get on with it. Operators in countries like Australia and the US have proved how cheap and easy it is to set up and run valuable community stations. Their example should be copied here.

What is needed is for the two massive bureaucracies to hand over truly local radio to one licensing body — totally unconnected to television, and with the job of encouraging independent broadcasters to set up and make good radio with the minimum of bureaucratic fuss. Where will the money come from? As in any other business, if aspiring operators can find backers, they'll start. If they can't, they won't. If they earn enough from advertising, grants, subscriptions, sponsorship, they'll survive. If they don't, they'll go bust.

This sort of market-orientated approach to community radio will not lead, as many suppose, to pop only and no public service. Critics of popular radio — and indeed some radio operators themselves — need to recognise that what wins audiences is relevance of the service to listeners' needs. This may mean pop music, but it will also mean local information, humour, news, sport, controversy. Without these things a community radio service would fail.

Whether the Government has the will to pull this solution out of the morass of conflicting local radio ambitions is doubtful. Certainly they've shown no sign so far of having coherent policy over local radio. Nor, for that matter, over regional or national stations.

All the independent stations with potential audiences of over a million rely heavily on national advertising. These big stations provide entertainment and information services for listeners in the conurbations. The Government has announced that in 1989 or 1990 they'll introduce a nation-wide commercial station — but neither they nor the IBA have made any attempt to analyse the programming it might carry, how much advertising it would earn, and its implications for the existing commercial stations.

Now the word comes from Whitehall that commercials on BBC Radios One and Two would be a good idea. One wonders how much detailed thought has gone into that proposal — or is it just a notion that popped up over the No. 10 breakfast table, again without thought for the damage it could do to existing commercial stations? The *BBC are strongly opposed to* taking advertising — with good reason. They know, and I suspect the Government secretly knows, that once advertising gets in, there will never be another licence fee increase — and before long the BBC would be unrecognisable.

But in one way if not others, advertising on Radios One and Two would make sense — both are commercially attractive media into which advertising could be slotted without stylistic pain. To preserve the BBC's commercial virginity, it might be better to float off the two pop services — and have them run in tandem with the big regional commercial stations and in due course the independent national channel recently announced. The BBC would hate it — but maybe the time has come for the Corporation to realise they just can't have a finger in every conceivable communications pie.

Some local radio contractors would fear it — worried about losing their crucial national revenue. But many major advertising agencies will testify that such an expansion of independent radio would change it from a secondary to a prime commercial medium — standing shoulder to shoulder with TV and press. New advertising revenue then flowing from other more established media would bring strength, not impecunious weakness.

In the current arguments over the TV licence fee, the future of radio is often ignored — which is a shame because the public still loves it. As much as 90 per cent of the nation listen regularly — to either side — on average for about three hours per day. In these circumstances one *might think that the Govern*ment would take its future more seriously. BBC, ILR, pirates, community radio, Independent National Radio: it's a mess and it needs rationalising. Is it too much to hope that the Home Office can come up with a coordinated policy for radio in 1985?

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Lerwick	Smyril Line	Seydisfjordur	—	£388	Serv. runs May-Sept (opt stop in Torshavn)
Lerwick	Smyril Line	Torshavn	—	£226	Service runs May to September
Scrabster	P & O Ferries	Stromness	£47.60	£51.60	
Aberdeen	P & O Ferries	Lerwick	£141	£166	
Newcastle	DFDS Seaways	Esbjerg	£156 (May 15)	£195	Car goes free with 4 paying passengers
Newcastle	DFDS Seaways	Gothenberg	£204 (Jun 5)	£243	Car goes free with 4 paying passengers
Hull	North Sea Ferries	Rotterdam	£111	£146	
Hull	North Sea Ferries	Zeebrugge	£111	£146	
Great Yarmouth	Norfolk Line	Scheveningen	£106.50	£133	Incl cabin & meals
				£95.50	recline seat
Felixstowe	Townsend Thoresen	Zeebrugge	£57	£83	
Harwich	DFDS Seaways	Esbjerg	£108	£195	Car goes free with 4 paying passengers
Harwich	DFDS Seaways	Gothenberg	£144	£243	Car goes free with 4 paying passengers
Harwich	DFDS Seaways	Hamburg	£78	£141	Car goes free with 4 paying passengers
Harwich	Sealink	Hook of Holland	£55	£68	2 children per adult travel free
Harwich	Fred Olsen Lines	Kristiansand	£180 (Jun 11)	£180	Car goes free with 4 paying passengers
Ramsgate	Sally Line	Dunkirk	£38	£50	Special short stay & return discounts avail.
Dover	Hoverspeed	Boulogne	£55	£82.50	Special mini-break & return fares avail.
Dover	P & O Ferries	Boulogne	£45	—	Fares from Mar. 18 not yet avail.
Dover	Hoverspeed	Calais	£55	£82.50	Special mini-break & return fares avail.
Dover	Sealink	Calais	£51	£65	
Dover	Townsend Thoresen	Calais	£50	£64	
Dover	Sealink	Dunkirk	£51	£65	
Dover	Sealink	Ostend	£51	£65	
Dover	Townsend Thoresen	Zeebrugge	£50	£64	
Folkestone	Sealink	Boulogne	£51	£65	
Folkestone	Sealink	Ostend	£51	—	Service ends March 31
Newhaven	Sealink	Dieppe	£66	£78	
Portsmouth	Townsend Thoresen	Cherbourg	£75	£108	Special night, mid-week & return fares avail.
Portsmouth	Sealink	Fishbourne	£17.40	£19.90	
Portsmouth	Sealink	Guernsey	£242	£242	Incl. berth, dinner & breakfast on "Starliner" service. Special return fares mid-week
Portsmouth	Sealink	Jersey	£242	£242	
Portsmouth	Sealink	Cherbourg	£110	£145	Incl day cabin, berth or seat on 'bateau de luxe'
Portsmouth	Townsend Thoresen	Le Havre	£75	£108	
Portsmouth	Brittany Ferries	St Malo	£98	£108	
Portsmouth	Channel Island Ferries	Jersey	£108	£119	(Special offer return, 2 children go free with 2 paying adults)
Portsmouth	Channel Island Ferries	Guernsey	£108	£119	Fares from Mar. 18 not yet avail.
Portsmouth	P & O Ferries	Le Havre	£74	—	
Weymouth	Sealink	Cherbourg	£87	£117	
Weymouth	Sealink	Guernsey	£126	£132	New "Sunliner" service
Weymouth	Sealink	Jersey	£126	£132	New "Sunliner" service
Plymouth	Brittany Ferries	Roscoff	£98	£108	
Plymouth	Brittany Ferries	Santander	£182	£236	
Pembroke	B & I Line	Rosslare	£66	£110	
Fishguard	Sealink	Rosslare	£66	£110	First 4 children travel free
Holyhead	Sealink	Dun Laoghaire	£66	£110	
Liverpool	Belfast Car Ferries	Belfast	£75	£116	
Liverpool	I of M Steam Packet	Douglas	£72	£99.80	
Liverpool	B & I Line	Dublin	£78	£122	
Fleetwood	I of M Steam Packet	Douglas	—	£99.80	
Heysham	Sealink	Douglas	£85	£85	
Stranraer	Sealink	Larne	£77.10	£84.70	
Cairnryan	Townsend Thoresen	Larne	£70.10	£83.40	
Ardrossan	I of M Steam Packet	Douglas	£72	£99.80	
Belfast	I of M Steam Packet	Douglas	£72	£99.80	
Dublin	I of M Steam Packet	Douglas	£72	£99.80	
Cork	Brittany Ferries	Roscoff	£155	£216	
Lymington	Sealink	Yarmouth	£17.40	£19.90	Special night, mid-week & return fares avail.

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The ferry quadrille



Picture by Alex Hamilton

CAR FERRY companies are having to work hard to be optimistic about the coming year. If they are cheerful, it is like the optimistic governess who, when the weather was bad, was still thankful that it was better than none at all. Things may have been bad in 1984 but at least the companies are all still in business — even if, in the case of P & O, it meant selling out to rival European Ferries, the parent of Townsend Thoresen.

And things were bad in 1984. After a decade of regular, large growth which saw passenger traffic from Dover triple from over four million to almost 14 million in 1983 — for the first time, in 1984, the number of cross-channel passengers passing through Dover actually fell. In the 10 months to the end of October, the number was down by 1.5 per cent, while accompanied vehicles were down by 2.2 per cent.

The drop was caused partly by the dock strike and partly by the ending in the summer of the Identity Card system, which had allowed people to cross the Channel for a day trip without a passport. The alternative scheme of a £2 British Excursion Document (only available from main post offices and valid for a month), proved an inadequate substitute. During the Thatcher-Mitterand summit, the President was called upon to restore the Identity Card system — and given the plight of Calais and Boulogne, deprived of their lucrative day-trip trade, changes can be expected.

The decline suggests that the market has reached its zenith. The number of British-registered cars taken abroad each year has remained more or less static for a long time. If individual ferry companies are to improve their performance it must be at the expense of other operators.

For 10 years, in the car market, Townsend Thoresen has waxed at Sealink's wane. Success was due to better ships, better marketing and better performance. However, the tide could now be running in Sealink's favour because, in 1984, it was finally denationalised and bought by Sea Containers (previously best known to travellers as operators of the relaunched Venice-Simplon Orient Express).

It became in the process Sealink British Ferries, which trumpets in its publicity: "The name has changed because we're now a private company. That means we can match our determination to give you a better service with the investment only private enterprises can give."

Privatisation came too late in 1984 to allow major changes to Sealink's plans for 1985. But there have been changes. Sealink UK has pulled out of the Newhaven-Dieppe route (the service will be wholly operated with the same frequency by the French arm of the Sealink consortium). A jumbo ferry is being introduced on the Dover-Ostend service. Sealink will hope to peg back on Townsend Thoresen on the Dover-Calais route with the introduction of a fourth new jumbo, Champs d'Elysees, operated by Sealink France — which allows Sealink to boast that it now has the most modern fleet on the Dover-Calais run.

The partnership with Sealink France has proved less of an attraction in recent weeks with the French seamen's blockade of French ports which has disrupted Sealink services but not those of other operators.

The most significant Sealink British Ferries innovation is the plan for luxury ferry services to the Channel Islands and Cherbourg from Portsmouth and Weymouth — ferries that will offer "A unique style of elegance previously associated with the traditional luxury liners" — albeit at a more luxurious fare.

Brittany Ferries has been involved in the setting up of Channel Island Ferries which from the end of March 1985, will offer daily services between Portsmouth, Jersey and Guernsey. Described as the first new and competitive ferry service to come into operation to the Channel Islands since the railways-linked services started 100 years ago, the new company claims to offer a luxury service at half the price of the planned luxury Sealink Starliner operation out of Portsmouth.

Townsend Thoresen, which has led the field on the Channel for the last 10 years, is now facing serious competition from the born-again Sealink and has responded by announcing a £100 million fleet development programme: part of which will upgrade the ferries operating out of Portsmouth. It remains to be seen how the acquisition of P & O's services will affect the balance of Channel power.

As far as fares are concerned, Townsend Thoresen — like its competitors — has made only modest increases for 1985, even cutting some. Passenger fares have gone up by £1 per passenger on all routes while there has been a £2 per car rise for most sailings on Dover-Calais. Peak season rates will not apply before July 6.

The two relative newcomers: Sally the Viking Line (Ramsgate-Dunkirk) and Olau (Sheerness-Vlissingen) try still to offer high standards at low fares. Olau appears to be having more success than Sally, which is in closer competition with the major operators out of nearby Dover; the troubles of Sally's parent group in Finland have done little to boost Sally's image in the eyes of the UK retail travel trade. However, Sally's confident plans for 1985 include four return sailings a day, year-round from April 1 (five a day during peak summer months) and the operation of "the most sophisticated vessel on the short Channel routes."

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A mainstay of the car ferry operators in the last few years has been the boom in gite holidays. Since research suggests that most gite holidaymakers are Guardian readers, you probably won't need to be told that gites are privately owned homes offering self-catering accommodation in the French countryside. Brittany Ferries has established itself as the number two operator in the gite business — second to the official Government-controlled Gites de France.

Brittany Ferries' 1985 gite brochure is its biggest and most glossy, listing more gites — almost 700 — in more areas than ever before. As well as Brittany, it gives details of gites in Gers and Lot in the Midi - Pyrenees, Dordogne, Landes, Gironde in Aquitaine, the Western Loire and Poitou Charentes.

The problem of gite operators is that most customers demand accommodation near the sea, while most gites are situated inland, well away from a beach. The new Brittany Ferries gite brochure directs much energy towards convincing people that an inland gite offers a holiday every bit as good as a seaside spot.

While that brochure is available from agencies the much more comprehensive Gites de France directory has to be obtained direct from Gites de France at 178 Piccadilly, London W1, by sending £3, which provides you with annual membership.

Like Brittany Ferries, Gites de France is making a more concerted effort by offering inclusive package prices which include reduced car ferry rates with Townsend Thoresen, P & O or Brittany Ferries. Gites de France, which has 1,800 gites available in 1985, says that the reduced rates mean savings of from £30 to £60, depending on when you travel.

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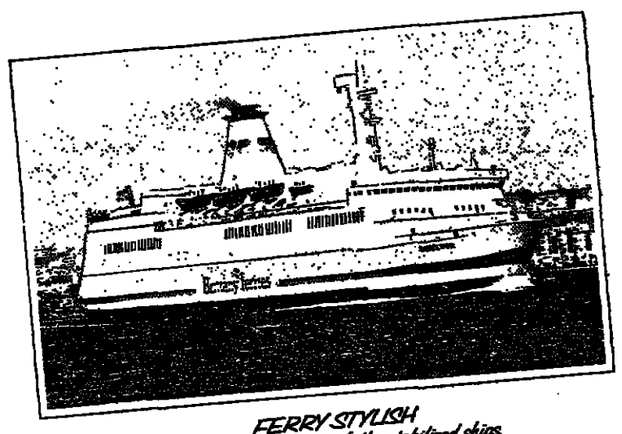
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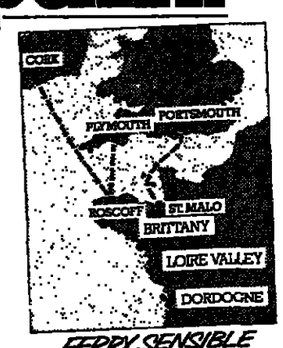
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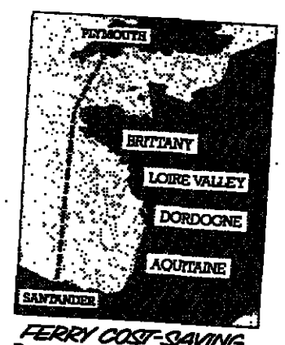
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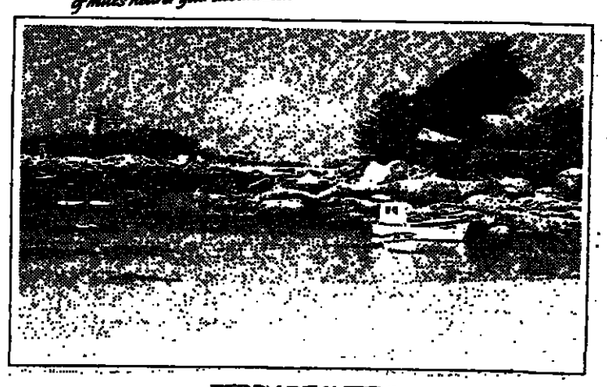
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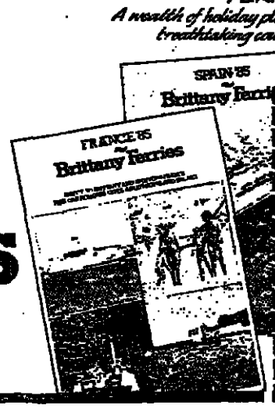
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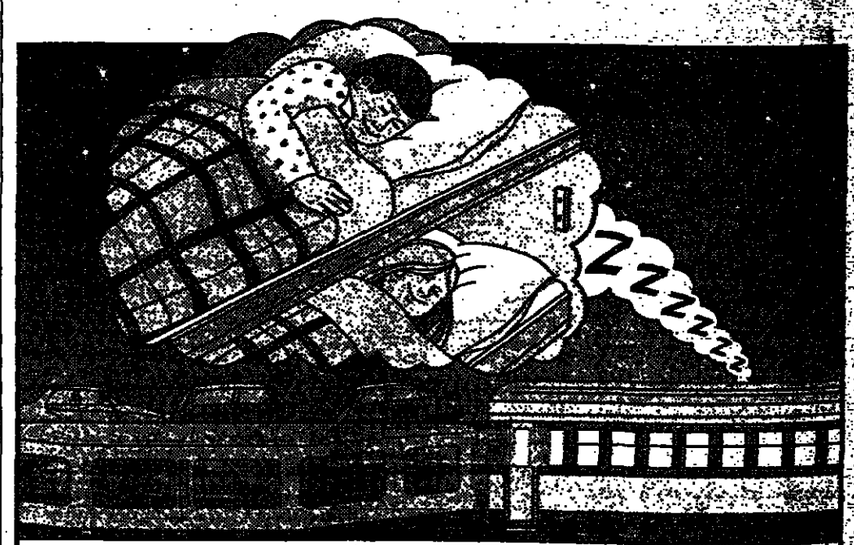
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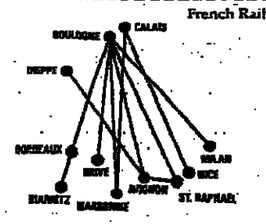
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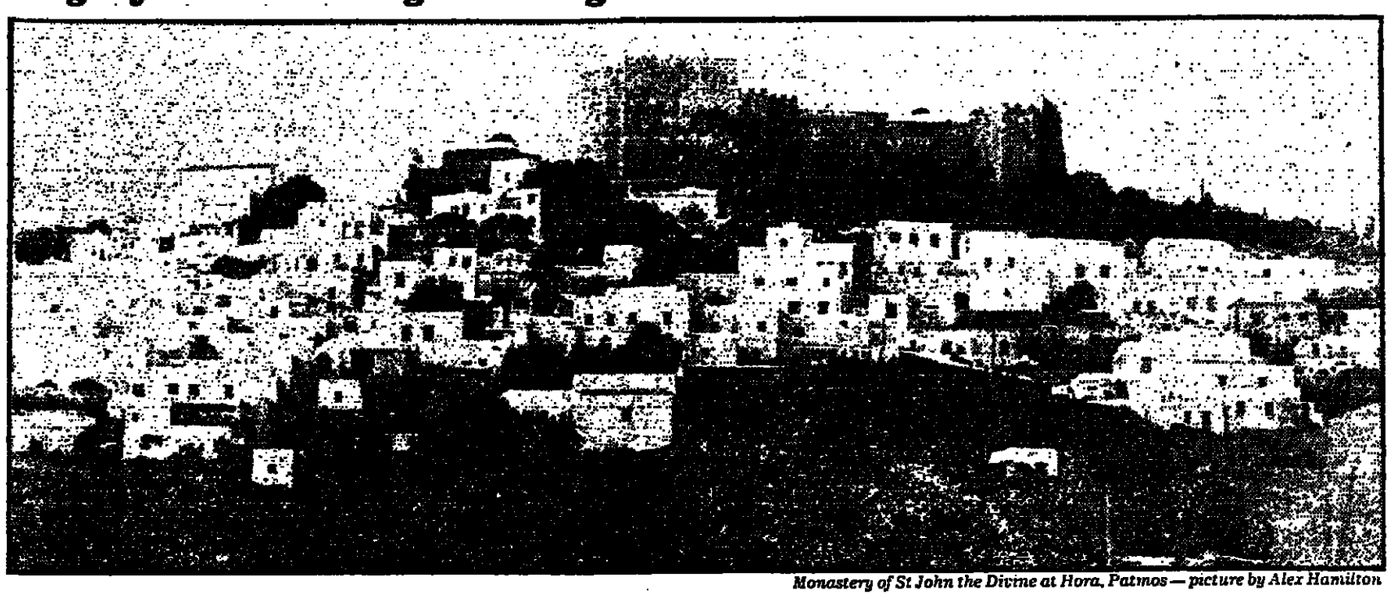
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Leros is concerned with cures in this world, Patmos with salvation in the next. Alex Hamilton on the contrasting styles of two neighbouring islands in the Dodecanese



Monastery of St John the Divine at Hora, Patmos — picture by Alex Hamilton

Take two from twelve

LEROS

THE PREFECT of Leros is a young and vigorous man with a moustache like a hedge, and broad shoulders which are necessary because he is also the Prefect of four other islands in the Dodecanese, which is a lot heavier, I would guess, than being Governor of, say, Australia, considering the rivalry of all these islands.

Dodecanese means Twelve Islands — though actually there are 18 — and they include on the one hand Rhodes and Kos, where everybody goes, and Karpathos where hardly anybody does, though it can't be long now. However, this is only background, because it is Leros that concerns us here, and presently its neighbour Patmos, where the ferry from Kos will fetch you in at a horrible hour of the night.

The wife of the Prefect of Leros and Patmos (and the others) is a Patmian. Marriage gave him immediate possession of a home on Patmos, because on both islands property descends through the distaff side, and the law would require them in turn to give it up when their eldest daughter married. This unusual custom leads to logistical problems and family calculations quite unlike our own. Of two dissimilar islands, this is one of the common features.

They also both have extremely indented coastlines, invaluable to corsairs, and wonderful natural harbours for regular merchants. In the case of Leros, Lakki is so wonderful and extensive and sheltered that during the Axis war it was the Gibraltar of the Eastern Med, the base in turn of the navies of Italy, Germany and Britain, and there are thousands of graves of the fighting men who lost their lives disputing its possession.

The Patmos harbour, Skala, is also wonderful up to a point: high marks for a picturesque that is marred only by a huge neon cross raised by an eager evangelist; but rather narrow and awkward to turn a big ship in, so that when foul weather comes the Athens/Rhodes ferries tend to give it a miss, and leave potential passengers sucking their paws on the dock.

The Prefect is hardly ever off duty, and it was after midnight when he sat, in the weskit of his brown herringbone suit, over mezes in a beachside taberna to talk, at his wish about Arthur Scargill, and at mine about the Leriot share of foreign tourists, which is a meagre 6,000 visitors. Nor, incidentally, is it all that popular with mainland Greeks, contrary to the claims of the inspirational literature. Its prisons recall the penitential regime of the Colonels; its mental hospitals are the nation's principal repository for 1,800 intractable psychiatric cases; it is also the centre for the institutional care for hundreds of retarded children.

Its image problem is compounded by the cruel and unjustified jokes of the mainlanders, who make puns on its name with the word *lera*, connoting dirt and rascality, contrasting it with the noble theme of the sponge divers of its southern neighbour Kalymnos (yet another of the Prefect's fiefs), implying freedom, health and cleanliness.

It's true that Leros does not sparkle with tourist highlights. Even so good an authority as Michael Haag thinks it worth only a paragraph in his revised Guide to Greece (1985, Travelaid £6.95). It requires a certain melancholy to appreciate the dilapidated ochre facades of the Italian buildings of the Lakki waterfront. The Byzantine castle above Platanos, incidentally a fabulous belevedere, is a ruin undergoing haphazard reconstruction with no one about to lecture on the remarkable ingenuity of its masons.

The fishermen don't post notices of their next trips; you'll need to ask if you want a ride. You can't do much on the beach except lie on it, or with the sea except swim in it. The hotels are few, small and ordinary. There's no one to dance with in the discos but Leriots, though they're lively enough. Taberna keepers drag you into their kitchens to look into their bubbling pots. Total strangers may present you with a bottle of wine when really you've had enough, or pay that part of your bill without forcing themselves on you.

The Prefect wanted to know what they could do to attract more visitors — but really these are some of the qualities that originally attracted people to the Greek islands. If you happen to be using the ferries through the Dodecanese, you might do well to include Leros. The Italian roads are good and scooters can be hired, for about £5 a day.

Half the people work for the government or the hospitals. So they're relatively well off, and their comfortable houses are distributed all over the countryside, with neat kitchen gardens, instead of hovering about the tourist honeypots. Travel business people there fear this is the wrong sort of temperament to get behind a tourist shove, and whatever they might do with their castle, it'll never draw the cruise liners that call at Patmos.

But the Prefect is in good heart. Something very terrific has happened for 1985. The central government has allocated funds for a *seventold* increase in psychiatrists. The large institutions are to be replaced with smaller units. Most of the patients will never travel out of Leros again, but people who have been incarcerated for 20 years will be introduced to the community, and given more freedom on Leros. It is a courageous and a humane programme, but he is not such a dreamer as to believe it will help the tourist initiative.

PATMOS

LAST SPRING a British visitor to Patmos, Bill Burgess, was bitten by a viper on the way down from Hora to Grikou. Apologising for the viper, Patmians add that it would not have done anything so inhospitable had it not been surprised by the sudden impact of the gentleman as he skipped over a rock.

Tourists are most often remembered for the trouble they cause — like insisting on a launch to Samos when rough seas could sink the boat; or like demanding transfer to a lover in Santorini and giving too much personal detail; or like complaining each day for a fortnight and only revealing as they leave that they've loved it really but their job at home is in a Complaints Department — but Bill Burgess, who was a real problem for a day while his life hung in the balance, is recalled with admiration for his cool.

Immediately after being bitten he eagerly photographed the snake, and later took a few shots of his wife sucking the wound. Back in a special care unit in Sheffield, he wrote to say that when next on Patmos he could be recognised by his thigh-length boots.

This was of course the only viper ever heard of on Patmos. It was a viper with no before and after. Patmians imply that it must have come in under cover of darkness on the ferry from Athens, or in some joker's backpack. However, they add, the latest medical advice is not to apply tourniquets, but to press the wound very hard with a credit card. (American Express please copy). Also it's recommended that you kill the snake and take it with you to hospital.

The cliche about Patmos is that it is an island for walkers and thinkers. Trying not to think of Bill Burgess, I walked most of the trails of Patmos, and hundreds of shiny little lizards fled across my vision like raindrops down a window pane. In several days of this, no other reptile showed.

An asphalted road in the shape of a hanging noose serves the middle of the island, which has Skala town and harbour at the waist, and Hora with the gigantic fortified monastery of St John the Divine on the hill within the loop. But in the peripheral areas no kind of wheels is any use.

To reach the "wild" beaches, or the rougher parts beyond the salt pan of the southern isthmus and the broad spread of the north, paths often dwindle to a choice among goat tracks. You need to be thickly shod and trousered to negotiate ways through a mass of sharp loose stones, yellow thistle and a million clumps of thorn, like footstools of prickly chicken wire, and porcupine reeds near the water.

It's certainly one of the prettiest of islands, especially in the green of spring, looking down from Hora, or the highest point at 900 feet, the tiny chapel perched on Mt Profitis, an Italian observation spot in the war — across a valley terraced not for cultivation but as a steadier against winter rains. There are 370 chapels on the "holy" island, most them put up by wealthy merchants banking on credit in heaven.

They are all white, and so is every other building except two — the 11th-century monastery itself, and a strange four-storey Venetian-style yellow villa secluded on an escarpment by the wild bay of Levkas, with a campanile platform, and a grand double stairway entrance.

Patmos, with 2,500 people, could be self-sufficient, but in the season anything up to 250,000 people come ashore, mainly from the cruise ships. They don't stay, but bus straight up to the monastery and the cave where the apostle is said to have written the Book of Revelation, and go back aboard again. Hora, a dazzling white maze of narrow lanes, organised so as to create ambushes to trap invaders, is then very crowded.

This is one of the richest monasteries in Christendom, not only in its fabulous treasures, manuscripts including various ancient codices and a piece of the Gospel of St Mark, and the golden gifts of potentates like Gregory V, Catherine the Great, and our own Victoria — but in its shrewd investment in overseas estates. And this magnificence is matched in the villas of Hora roundabout, whose inner patios are often sumptuously decorated.

But elsewhere there is no pressure, even in Skala, where the kafenion society is cool about Hora's tourist wealth, and say cynically that there's a born-again sucker every minute. But this is a jolly centre, with a row of very cheap restaurants and a social centre in the square where the man who's grilling fish gets his charcoal burning, with the help of a hairdryer.

It's also the shopping centre, with prices pegged by the government, for people self-catering in outlying villages like Grikou, Kambos or the beachside camping area of Mello. The Dodecanese are a duty-free zone, with brand whiskies for example retailing at £3.50, so it's a mistake to cart booze on the outward flight. Only film is expensive.

On Grikou beach, which I liked very much for its taverna on the headland, with eucalyptus drooping over the tables and chickens pecking my boots, I met an English couple guddling for fish off the pier, very chuffed at spotting a foot long garfish browsing among the remains of an octopus, and at catching a gobi, with a sea louse attached. They'd found a simple room for £7 a night.

At Lampi I met a German couple scooping variegated stones into a carrier bag. They had about a kilo. They preferred this to shopping for fake ikons.

I stayed myself at the Hotel Skala, a hundred yards from the ferry dock, well run, amiable, and featured on the brochure of the Dodecanese specialists, Twelve Islands. It plans to introduce main meals in 1985, but I hope they won't kill the pig who lives in the garden, with cats sleeping between its legs. An odd beast, it has a tail like a rope, which it wags in welcome, like a dog.

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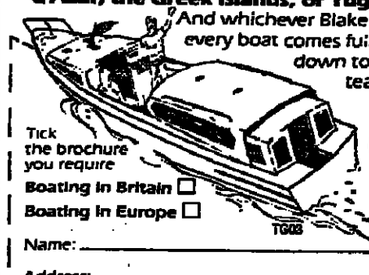
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Matinee idols of the casualty ward

Nancy Banks-Smith gets into the surgical spirit of afternoon soap operas

THOSE OF you who are scattered around the house in slings and plaster casts like the Light Brigade after a hard day's charging will have discovered the joy of afternoon viewing.

Surgical soaps.

My favourite—everybody's favourite surely— is The Young Doctors, the story of an Australian hospital with a most peculiar purple bar. The bar seems to be the heart of the hospital because everyone meets there sooner or later, quite oblivious to the decor, which is like being struck between the eyes with a fast parrot.

Here you will find the philandering chef: "He treats people like tissue paper. He rolls them up and tosses them aside." The wife of the hospital superintendent who is a kleptomaniac.

Nurse Jones "the notorious girlfriend of a playboy who was mysteriously murdered in her room." Dr Steele as a newt because the woman he loses has been arrested for attempted murder and armed robbery. Dr Garcia "descended from Spanish nobility." Dr Shore, "What is this picture of Dr. Shore in Nazi uniform?"

It is not a hospital I would recommend without qualification to a close friend: "The police still don't know who cut off the oxygen supply to the patient."

The best bit of The Young Doctors is the end, not just because it is over but because of the credits. This series is evidently a little short of the readies so, bravely, it does not hesitate to borrow. The women's fashions, such as they are, are by Sylvana Salon, Cremorne Centre. "Furniture of distinction" by courtesy of Avantgarde and, you won't believe this, furniture removals by Grace Bros.

Australia is the great exponent of surgical soaps. A Country Practice is the fairly fraught love life of a doctor and a vet, who are shacked up together with a tame wombat ("He bites"). I have always admired the perspicacity of this vet since, seeing a cow lying on its back with its legs in the air like a table ripe for removal by Grace Bros., she said at once, "There's something wrong." A Country Practice also has the obligatory hospital bar. "A bloke dropped dead in here one night. Died with a smile on his mush and his tinny in his hand."

The BBC offers a very old American soap, Dr Kildare, in which, rather nerve-rackingly, nearly everyone is dead. Well, they are now. This week James Mason as a paralysed surgeon ("Most surgeons operate from the vertical") insisted on slicing up a patient from a seat of his own invention ("Up six inches! Right one foot") to universal acclaim.

You will have already diagnosed what we are short of on television—doctors. The Practice, Granada's new twice-weekly medical soap, or drama series as it prefers to call it, is set in a Manchester group practice which includes, God help us, a social worker and a health visitor. It began, I thought, promisingly. An animated check jacket seized the senior doctor the moment he arrived for work, saying, "Dr Golding. Just the man I wanted to see. When you said to me what you said to me, I thought 'Does this man know what he's talking about?' But I'm a new man. I'm a completely different person. Look at me,' you'd hardly recognise me." If it lacks the brisk concision of Ena Sharples's legendary first line in Coronation Street—"Alf a dozen and no eclairs," it has a sharp point to make.

Dr Golding does *not* recognise him. Or remember his name, his ailment, or his treatment. A group practice is evidently low on cosiness.

The Practice now has a vasectomy (comedy), a heart case (tragedy), an abortion (feminism), and a case of police brutality (racism) bubbling away nicely on four burners. "Is it well done?" a soldier asked Charmain, staring dubiously at Cleopatra's slowing stiffening corpse. "It is well done," Charmain replied firmly. However you feel about all the ills that flesh is heir to, The Practice is well done and should do well.

BIRMINGHAM

Gerald Larner

CBSO/ Seaman

THERE is no reason orchestral concerts should last two hours, except that nearly all of them do and that audiences and orchestras have got used to it.

By offering both Schumann's Piano Concerto and Bruckner's Seventh Symphony in the same programme, Christopher Seaman and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra had to face the consequences of over-running. Happily, they escaped the worst penalty, which is a selective walk-out from the auditorium on about the two-hour mark.

The first movement of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony had gone very well. It was firm in ensemble, finely balanced in texture and yet sensitive in line. It was effectively shaped, too, the splendid coda all the more impressive for the restraint exercised up to that point. The slow movement began most promisingly, with the same kind of expressive awareness and lucidity. But on the way to the big climax it faltered a little.

The scherzo seemed slightly under-powered, but that is a matter of interpretative taste and it might have happened in the most favourable conditions. On the other hand, in an evidently tired last movement, the conductor would surely have preferred a more unanimous attack on the full orchestral entries and a more clearly defined violin line.

Before the interval Alicia de Larrocha had distinguished herself in that part of the Schumann Concerto where most other pianists don't. The first movement was drawn out to little expressive purpose, and the slow movement was curiously unpoetic. The last movement, taught a whole generation to listen with new ears. I shall be sad if it ever becomes impossible to hear Bach and *Handel played in what we* must now call the traditional way, but in the meantime concerts like this one of four favourite Bach works by Christopher Hogwood and the Academy of Ancient Music bring regular refreshment.

Not that the authenticists stand still, any more than our ears do. It was fascinating to compare this account of the Double Concerto slow movement with that on Hogwood's record of the work issued just two and a half years ago. From memory I would have sworn that *after his speed tactics on the* record he had slowed down.

Checking with the disc itself, I find that it was not so. If anything he was slower on record, but the more flexible, less emphatic and sweeter style of the first violin, Catherine Mackintosh over her recorded predecessor, Jaap Schröder, made all the difference.

Later Hogwood polished off the Third Suite in about 20 minutes with the introduction already one of the dances to crisp and light double-dotting and even the *famous Air* becoming a dance. What was disappointing was not any excessive briskness but rather the opposite, for the Cantata no. 82, Ich habe genug, with its overtones of the Nunc dimittis, was made sombre to the point of dullness with David Thomas as baritone soloist very precise but cautious with it.

That was the opposite of the sparkling Emma Kirkby in the Wedding Cantata, an exhilarating performance in which she relished imaginatively even the most impossible ornamentation. With Hogwood as helper she kept demonstrating that here more than anywhere is Bach with a smile on his face, a happy augury for tercentenary year.

QEH

Edward Greenfield

Academy of Ancient Music

THANKS above all to records, the new wave of authentic performance has now phoney war fiction for nostalgic laughs.

In such pushy company you've got to be good to stand out. But the writing of Colin Morris's Reluctant Heroes seemed to me to be so thin that it wouldn't stand up if it was the only farce about forces life that the world had ever seen. It may have been mildly amusing in its day, but how could anyone remember this play long enough to revive it?

It has that quaintly musty air of those Shepperton B features the other channels show on Saturday afternoons when everyone else is watching football—aren't we British cute?

So there's these three squaddies in a Nissen hut—the old hand who's learned how to malinger after two weeks' training, and two raw recruits, one upper class and public school, the other a colourful North Country character. And there's the barking drill sergeant with a cockney accent. I don't doubt that this is how it was.

And so, it seemed, had the audience on the first night at Nottingham Playhouse. The play was not enhanced in stature by James Tomlinson's production—it barely came alive until after *the second interval.* But we all fell about in merriment, hooting and catcalling as if it was an ENSA concert party.

There were meticulously realistic settings designed by Ruari Murchison, and one performance — Donald McBride's superbly timed clowning with an authentic north-east Lancashire accent — gave a hint of what might have been. But the rest of the company seemed to share my lack of involvement in the script.

NOTTINGHAM

Robin Thornber

Reluctant Heroes

SO MUCH has been written about National Service—perhaps such a startlingly artificial situation demands comedy treatment—that it's almost become a genre of its own. Along with war fiction and anti-war fiction, there's

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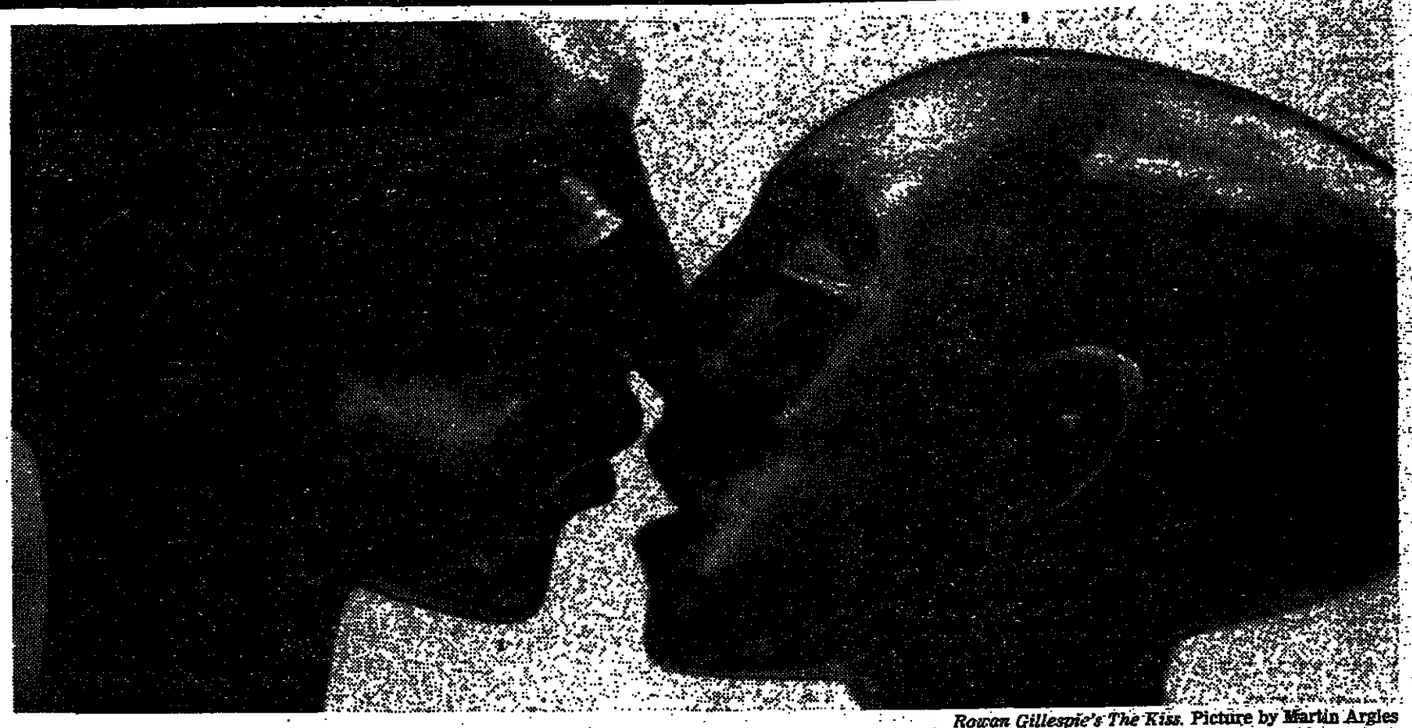
GRAHAM Johnson has become a dab hand at devising song recitals which present a personal portrait of a composer or performer, or which deal with some historical or *artistic theme. This latest* one gave an imaginatively researched and quite vivid portrait of Johann Vogl, Schubert's chosen interpreter and arguably the first great Lieder singer.

The narration by Gabriel Woolf left us with a clear impression of Vogl as an artist, a popular baritone turning reluctantly at first from the glamorous world of opera to the intimate world of song but soon realising that it offered a valuable second career to a singer already past his operatic *prime.*

It gave an equally effective sketch of the man too, recalling his vanity through anecdotes tinged with an elegant malice akin to that of Jane Austen.

The programme took us from the first meeting which proved so humiliating for the young composer, through the tours during which they performed in private houses, to their public concerts beginning in 1827, the year of Schubert's death. Accompanists and singers stepped into character from time to time, Johnson twinkling as Schubert, Stephen Varcoe condescending as Vogl and Marilyn Dale simpering as Sophie Muller, the first woman to sing Schubert, who came across rather unfortunately as the Shirley Temple of Lieder.

Varcoe sang The Fisherman's Song most entertainingly, with two verses complete with Vogl embellishments; was particularly eloquent in Ave Maria and the Hurdy Gurdy Man; and gave a strongly dramatic account with Miss Dale of the rarely heard Antigone and Oedipus duet, again ornamented by Vogl. Johnson was in sensitive form at the piano, and Joy Farrell contributed quite ravishingly as clarinettist in The Shepherd on the Rock.



Rowan Gillespie's The Kiss. Picture by Martin Argles

Waldemar Januszczak emerges bleary-eyed from the London contemporary art fair

The kiss of art and commerce

THE TROUBLE with art fairs is that they are anti-art. For a work of art to function properly a communion must take place between the observer and the artist, via the work itself. It is totally impossible to attempt 30,000 such communions in one sitting and so art fairs encourage you to nibble at a colour here, a shape there, to take a quick look at anything which catches your eye and then move on.

Art fairs reduce art to the status of a peanut. They are vulgar and tiring. They fill your head with rubbish and your hand with useless leaflets. Should we really be grateful that we now have one in London?

The first thing that must be said about the Second International Contemporary Art Fair is that it is a 200 per cent improvement on its predecessor. The first fair, held at the Barbican, made Bayswater Road on a Sunday look like a painting by Michelangelo. It was the single most depressing art event I have attended in my life.

Olympia is a much more coherent and buoyant space. You don't feel as if you are trapped in an underground sex emporium, and the exits are clearly marked. Indeed if you go up to the first floor, *where a huddle of "unattached"* artists have built their own white-walled shanty town, and look down, the sight is undeniably impressive, a white, hardboard city, with its own roads, its own box-like architecture, and its own successes.

From this height it is plain to see that the American galleries have perfected the skill of attracting a punter from 50 yards. A long sociological thesis could be written on the symbiotic relationship that now exists between graffiti artists and art fairs. The two *have shared in each other's success* because they suit each other.

Graffiti art consists largely of writing your name in giant letters—Delta 2, Sharp, A-One—originally on the side of a subway train but now on long, low train-shaped canvases. In New York graffiti art devotes itself entirely to the act of getting noticed. Look at me: I'm A-One and I exist. Put it in an art fair, swap the concrete jungle for one made of hardboard and plywood, and it does exactly the same thing for you, very *successfully.*

The Gallozzi La Placa Gallery has mounted a show called, unbelievably, Four Generations of Grand Masters and Assassins of the Letter which, loosely translated, means four generations of graffiti artists. The aesthetic equivalent of a subway train screaming through your *living room* will set you back about $12,000.

It is interesting to note that all the literature which accompanies graffiti art stresses its "tribal" origins. Graffiti artists are street *warriors. They have their* own colours, their own language. They operate their own master-apprentice system, hence the four generations tag. By buying graffiti art Americans appear to be fooling themselves into believing that they are somehow getting back to a more primitive experience, a Red Indian way of life. The depths to which New York addicts will sink for a tiny helping of non-materialistic sustenance are astounding.

The other American galleries from New York's East Side, notably the Civilian Warfare Gallery, specialise in small, colourful knick-knacks made from junk, old cans, broken records, plastic signs, posters, recycled, customised and hand-painted. Mad Max has swapped his warrior leathers for a smock and become an artist. Judith Glantzman, I discover, paints with a broom, "using the full force of her body, imbuing the painted form with the energy that moves it." She is winning phenomenal acclaim in the United States and her paintings are in the collection of Chase Manhattan Bank and other corporations." They deserve each other.

The second way to succeed at an art fair, apart from writing your name all over it in giant letters, is to offer your visitors a peaceful, contemplative retreat from the hurly-burly. This is the sensible approach adopted by the best of the London galleries. Arranged on either side of the central aisle, Waddington's Annely Juda, the Lisson Gallery, Nigel Greenwood Fine Art, the Coracle Press, provide this aesthetic jelly with a strong backbone.

At Waddington's the wares are impeccably displayed. There are two new balancing hares by Barry Flanagan and a very effective David Tremlett painting in which his slightly nervous, slightly precious touch has been strengthened with a touch of archaicism, as if Paul Klee had taken up stone carving.

Of the two fine Richard Deacon sculptures, one is shown by the Contemporary Art Society and the other by the Lisson Gallery. At Annely Juda's, in among the *works by El Lissitzky and* Marinetti, are a pair of glorious minimal squares, glowing with colour, by Alan Green. What all these works have in common is that they somehow break through the fast-food aesthetics of the art fair and offer you moments of pleasant contemplation.

But as soon as you step off the reasonably safe path of the central aisle and start to explore the outer reaches of Olympia you are liable to be accosted by pushy young men in loud ties trying to flog you examples of genuine *eskimo art, Nanuk harpooning* a walrus, orange sunsets, horrible little bronzes with pretentious titles like Helios II, pictures of girls playing with themselves, steam trains, T-shirts with Kiss-My Art written on them, Chilean pavillons where a painting called The Descendment turns out to be deposition, portraits of Marilyn Monroe, the Arts Council stall, the Nicholas Treadwell Gallery, skeletons riding motor-bikes, all the entertaining rubbish of the fair.

If you're really brave and penetrate right to the back of the exhibition hall, where the poorest galleries have gathered, to the heart of the darkness of the London Art Fair, you may find a group of men sitting outside their stall playing backgammon. These are the keepers of the stall manned by the Bahrein Art Society. Inside, you will discover paintings by Abdulla Al Muharraqi.

Abdulla's masterpiece is called Superstations. The action is set in some sort of post-holocaust Arabian landscape. A pack of wild dogs prowl in front the smoking *remains of a desert city* where a young warrior woman is locked in combat with an android. While he gives her a bear-hug she untemplates a skull, Hamlet-style. From the waist up the girl is a conventional air-brush pin-up. But below that she is all goat.

We may mock but the one serious point made by this fair is that the gap between bad and good art, between kitsch and the real thing, has narrowed so dramatically in the past few years that the only thing which keeps the two apart is the spectator's knowledge that one kind of badness is intentional and the other isn't.

Jeff Van Tueranhout, for example, is almost as bad a painter as Abdulla Al Muharraqi. Van Tueranhout paints another pin-up nude, this time being masturbated by a skeleton. Yet his work hangs in the respectable Poseidon Art Centre Gallery, from Belgium, in the same gallery as works by Miro and Max Ernst. Utrillo and Kees Van Dongen. When juxtapositions like this are allowed to take place the London Art Fair stops being a innocuous fun event and starts becoming a real enemy of civilisation.

The International Contemporary Art Fair at Olympia continues until tomorrow.

Highlights of next week's television and radio

Monday

Women Direct (C4, 10.55). Making a hilarious contest with Sunday's supermacho Superbowl is a snippet of a film, Home Movie, which rounds off Channel 4's season of feminist films. Jan Oxenberg links home movie of herself as a high school cheerleader with current footage of herself and a band of lesbian friends playing football — more a mass cuddle-in than a match. The first, much longer, film Bred And Born, looks at four generations of mothers and daughters in an enviably devoted East End family and compares their experiences with those of a group of *women in a discussion* session.

Tuesday

The Exercise (BBC-1, 9.25). Four army cadets are let loose in the Welsh hills. Soon they are lost, bickering among themselves and at the mercy of a native who has turned decidedly nasty. A similar plot worked fine for Deliverance, even better for Southern Comfort, but in this play, alas, it's thrown away amid inept direction, barely comprehensible dialogue and laughably melodramatic effects.

Alarms and Excursions (ITV, 10.30). Another good opportunity is wasted in Max Hastings's documentary which combines a tantalisingly sketchy account of the ill-fated expedition to relieve Gordon at Khartoum with a routine travelogue about a commemorative cruise down the Nile 100 years later.

Wednesday

The House Of Lords (BBC-1, 2.10, BBC-2, 3.45). Take your pick — David Dimbleby introduces the first live coverage of debates in the Upper House for the BBC, while Glyn Matthias and Alastair Stewart provide commentary for Channel 4 (Their Lordships' House, 2.15). The day's business includes Question Time and an opposition motion on the Government's economic policy.

Cabaret (BBC-2, 9.55). Almost anyone short of Max Bygraves and Val Doonican is dubbed "alternative" these days. Patrick Barlow (Half of the National Theatre of Brent) maybe, but Bertice Reading and Robyn Archer? Songs, satire and comedy in an intimate setting.

Thursday

Sweet FA (BBC-1, 9.30). Fascinating Aida are a very funny cabaret trio, raunchy in a Cheltenham Ladies sort of way, who perhaps unwisely agreed to make a pop single for BBC Records (previous hits include the theme from the Onedin Line). This entertaining Forty Minutes documentary charts their creeping disillusion as the Beeb men, vamping it up like so many Col. Tom Parkers, massage their robust style into "Bananarama meets Manhattan Transfer."

Friday

Newsround Extra (BBC-1, 4.55). Departs from its usual formula of bowdlerising the six o'clock news with an interesting and admirably *concise report on an innovatory* "youth court" in a small American town where young offenders are prosecuted, defended and judged by fellow teenagers. The system seems to work well, but then as an (adult) police officer admits, even the delinquents are "basically good kids."

Helen Oldfield

Radio

Today: Maharaj (Radio 4, 3.30 pm). Those who enjoyed Plain Tales from the Raj, that memorable collection of memories of India compiled by Charles Allen and produced by Michael Mason, will love this six-part series on the Indian rulers of the Princely states, recalled by the Princes themselves, their friends, relatives and employees.

Tomorrow: *Famous Last* Words (Radio 4, 2.30 pm). Repeat of the lively, if sometimes patchy, Monday play about the man who brings in the television cameras for his (perhaps) last moments.

Light In A Dark Place: (Radio 4, 7.30 pm): Repeat of the story of the remarkable Christian Watt from Aberdeen, who faces up to the Laird, personal tragedies and mental illness.

Tuesday: By Flower and Dean Street (Radio 4, 3 pm). Patrice Chaplin's dramatisation of her own novel about the Hampstead housewife haunted by the ghost of Jack the Ripper and one of his victims.

Wednesday: Music Shop (Radio 4, LW, 11.48 am): The new series of Fritz Spiegl's stories of musical anecdotes starts with the conducters and their fargun.

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WEEK-END PEOPLE

A.N.Y. hopes the Government may have entertained about becalming the Belgrano affair by prosecuting Clive Ponting, the senior civil servant accused of leaking two documents to Labour MP Tam Dalyell, were rapidly dismasted by linked shot as the usual pre-trial niceties were thrown overboard.

While Black Tam rocked with repeated salvoes and Messrs Kinnock, Owen and Steel hurled insults from the rigging, Mr Ponting was profiled on television and penned a newspaper review on the iniquities of the Official Secrets Act section under which he was charged. Then the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, was criticised for remarking publicly on issues in the case which have yet to be proved at the Old Bailey trial on January 28.

Mr Ponting's solicitor, **Brian Raymond**, says that during the widespred public debate on the broad issues, his client has been as free as anyone else to contribute, provided it did not influence the trial. All that was now water under the bridge: "I have not received the slightest hint from the prosecution that there has been anything improper about the way we have conducted ourselves up to now," he said.

Decorum, it seems, has now been restored. As a matter of policy, Mr Ponting has gone into strict purdah during the run-up to the trial, with his solicitor in close atendance.

Raymond (36) is a new breed of lawyer who is not enamoured of his profession. "Lawyers lead cosseted lives and they need their bottoms kicked by their clients from time to time," he said.

Since Sir David Napley, one of our most illustrious practising lawyers, has not flinched from publishing his legal casebook, it is not amiss to record Raymond's endeavours. Professional ethics prevent one publicising one's own practice, so I turned to Helena Kennedy, a barrister who has worked with Raymond on a number of cases. Notable among these was the "Anarchists



RAYMOND — In the end you can't say no. Picture by Martin Argles

Ponting's legal aide

Trial" which exposed the Crown's over-zealous jury vetting.

Raymond was one of the founders of Bindman & Partners which is currently engaged on the "Alconbury Nine" case, a conspiracy trial involving the peace movement, she said. Known for its libel work in the employ of such organs as Private Eye, the firm of 10 partners takes on an unusual number of non-remunerative and criminal cases. Its unique feature is immigration, sending staff to remote villages in India and Bangladesh to verify entry applications to this country.

"They are not mad lefties but good, committed, socially conscious lawyers who provide as high a standard as many of the more traditional, conservative firms," she said. "British lawyers are generally not very imaginative. In court his firm is imaginative and incredibly thorough."

Raymond, who is at liberty to talk about himself, rejects the label of radical lawyer. "My motives wouldn't bear close examination. True radicals are not lawyers because they would have to work within the system and its constraints, which are very severe. Just because you are involved with people in a legal fight you are not at one with them. You're helping them, but from a very well upholstered and cosy environment.

He is the son of Jewish immigrants. His father, born in Calcutta, and mother, born in Cairo, came to England two years before his birth. At Cambridge, reading English, he was a contemporary of Prince Charles, with whom he once shared an evening's discussion. "He had rather strange views. I'm sure he's changed since then." At this point I had to caution him.

He admits experiencing moments of alienation in British society, notably when he wandered into a beano thrown by the university's Conservative Association. A conspicuous devotee of flower power, he was barefoot and clad in transcendental vestments. "Seeing these young people drinking hock and baying with laughter at each others' jokes I remember thinking I could never be part of that."

Doesn't he get the same feeling at the Old Bailey? "Yes, I do. If you are at one with the system, you don't care whether your client wins or loses. I have walked out of courts feeling so sick with what has gone on inside that I have wanted to leave the profession on the spot. I know this has happened with a lot of my colleagues. But you get back in the office and the phone rings. You realise in the end you can't say no.

"The other side is that when you win you get a big kick out of it. I go out to the pub with my client and their family and celebrate with them."

Not believing the scales of justice to be evenly weighted, he has never prosecuted. "I am not interested in the law at all as an academic subject. I do this job in order to act for people who find themselves involved in the law against their wishes."

Of the Ponting trial he says that the prosecution, which has been obliged by the rules to disclose its case, must have a shrewd idea of the defence's strategy. He does not expect new revelations in the Belgarno affair. Both sides are opposed to sessions in camera, which would involve jury vetting, and will be at pains not to stray into the shoals of national security. (Crown counsel stated in the committal hearing that Mr Ponting's alleged offence was not a breach of national security but a breach of confidence.)

The defence team for what is expected to be an eight-day trial will comprise leading and junior counsel, Raymond, his assistant and sundry members of staff. He puts the bill at well over £20,000, being raised by the Clive Ponting Defence Fund (sponsors: Kinnock, Owen and Steel).

The hazards of predicting the outcome of a criminal case are compounded in the Ponting trial, he believes. "First, the defence involves an uncharted area of law. Secondly, although the case is essentially about relationships between Ministers, civil servants and Parliament, the subject matter that has brought the issue to the fore is the Falklands War, about which people have strong views."

Now he was talking like a lawyer. What was his hunch? "Well," he said, "I was walking across Lincoln's Inn Fields the other day and a bird shat on my head, which my mother told me is lucky."

Bounty from a Green goddess

IN THE past three years a new black hole has emerged in the publishing firmament. Gaia Books, a compact outfit in Southwark, is now exercising an inordinate gravitational pull and pointing the way to new fields of human endeavour. Its latest product, The Gaia Atlas of Planet Management, has sucked in publishers from four countries and 100 contributors including David Bellamy, Norman Myers and John Elkington.

The imprint was set up three years ago by owner-director Joss Pearson (45). Her £3,000 has grown to a £250,000 turnover. She had spent 20 years in publishing, increasingly frustrated that ecology was deemed a fringe subject.

Her currency was ideas. She went to the American Book Fair and pre-sold a book on yoga. It has sold 100,000 copies. Then she and a few friends sold the atlas idea. It was underwitten by Pan in Britain, Doubleday in the US, Spectrum in Holland and Fisher in Germany.

Their recently published Green Inheritance, by Anthony Huxley, resulted from her contacts with the World Wildlife Fund. "I am a networker," she said. "I have an enormous number of friends in publishing and in the conservation movement. Large organisations like the World Wildlife Fund want their message to reach a popular market but they find it easier to deal with a small organisation like us, free of institutional restraints."



PEARSON — Making the ecology network pay

She admits to being hard-bitten. "To set up a business like this you have to be very tough. I am not known as being very easy to deal with. You have to be absolutely sure of what to do."

A soft centre of altruism lurks within. Gaia is named after the Greek Earth Goddess, embraced by the Nasa scientist, James Lovelock for his hypothesis that life on Earth is self-sustaining, defying the rules of steady state chemistry.

"We have tentatively said that we will form a Gaia Trust For A Sustainable Future, to make people aware of the issues and the solutions. The technology is available. There's only a problem about doing it."

There is a rumour that they plan to bury David Bellamy in a time capsule, but she was not yet ready to discuss the details.

The Gaia Atlas of Planet Management is published by Pan, £7.95. Green Inheritance is published by Collins, £9.95.

Manchester Guardian 1935

JANUARY 19: Professor Dodd [the Rev C. H. Dodd, Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester, giving the address at the annual founder's day ceremony of the Manchester High School for Girls on January 18] spoke of the "aim and purpose of education." While it was the hope of everyone to leave school trained to perform some task in life with expert skill, he said, mere competence, however great, could not pass for education in the full sense. Nor was education the same thing as learning, though the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake undoubtedly played an important part in it. One met people who were mines of information, walking encyclopaedias, who could not be described as educated in the full sense.

The distinctive mark of an educated person was that he had a just sense of values. The possession of a standard by which the worthless might be distinguished from the worthy might in the realm of art be called taste; in that of morals, principle; in that of intellect, judgment. These were all aspects of the one thing — a standard so deeply rooted that it had become instinctive. Anything specious, flashy, or shoddy would be known to the educated person at once, without any proof being needed that it was so. It would be recognised like a bad smell. Similarly the educated person would recognise a good thing instinctively, as he would a friendly face.

. . . the educated person would have two characteristics — humility, arising from a sense of his own modest place in the general scheme, and reverence, arising from contact with those august things which had the right to command it.

JANUARY 21: Mr George Bernard Shaw and Miss Madeleine Carroll figured in a "surprise item" on the wireless last night when they gave their views on film censorship. Mr Shaw said: "Sex appeal is a perfectly legitimate element in all the fine arts that deal directly with humanity. The Archbishop [Dr Cosmo Gordon Lang] speaks of undesirable films. There are no undesirable films. No film studio in the world would spend £50,000 in making a film unless it was a very desirable film indeed. Possibly not desirable by an archbishop, but certainly desirable by that very large section of the human race who are not archbishops.

"Let us stop talking about desirable and undesirable, and consider whether we can weed out from the great mass of desirable films those which are detrimental to public morals.

"The censorship method, which is that of handing the job over to some frail and erring mortal man, and making him omnipotent on the assumption that his official status will make him infallible and omniscient, is so silly that it has produced the existing agitation, and yet some of the agitators are actually clamouring for more of it. . . ."

Miss Carroll said: "The average Englishman quite rightly hates having his liberty curtailed. I sincerely believe he is his own best censor, and would much prefer to remain so."

JANUARY 24: The dispute between Equity (the actors' trade union) and the management of Drury Lane Theatre, London, over the formers' insistence on the "closed shop" clause in the atrical contracts reached a further stage yesterday [January 23], when the Drury Lane directors decided to report the matter to the Ministry of Labour.

[The dispute was concerned with the forthcoming production at Drury Lane of Ivor Novello's musical play, Glamourous Nights.] . . .

Sir John Martin-Harvey has sent the following telegram to Mr H. M. Tennent, manager of Drury Lane: "No surrender, I hope. I fought Actors' Association when they allied themselves to trade unions and beat them hollow. The country will be with you."



DEANE-WHITE — pioneering in Kenya

Birth of a dream

IT TOOK Carol Deane-White 15 years of dreaming abut starting a hospital for the poor in India and only six weeks of practising as a nurse in The Maldives before she learned "that Elastoplast and curative medicine is no use to the developing world — I had to offer a practical skill."

She came back to England and trained as a midwife but her qualifications as an SRN were not enough for VSO who turned down her application to work on any continent in any conditions.

The Quakers offered her a job training traditional birth attendants at Rhamu on the border of Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia and she jumped at it. Two years later she is going back enthusiastically for another stint at that dot on the map three days drive from Nairobi.

Conditions have changed little from those described by the generations of British explorers and missionaries who set up in the many remote Rhamus of East Africa over the last century. Tribal fighting, nomadic villages disappearing overnight, female circumcision killing young mothers and their babies, are still everyday events.

Two years of drought have killed three-quarters of the herds and so debilitated the people that few women are becoming pregnant these days, Carol says.

But her simple drawings of the female interior, patiently explained to a handful of women who have been traditional birth attendants and female community leaders are the beginnings of change for future generations of women in one of the most vulnerable areas of Africa.

The Quakers started a tree nursery in Rhamu after the great Sahel drought of 1973/74 when there was not one tree along the banks of the dry Dawa river. Fruit, fodder and shade trees now encircle Carol's hut and every day some villages plant a new seedling tree. "The people here will seize on any innovation — slowly, of course."

People is edited by Stuart Wavell

Breath of fresh air on a G-string

"TAKES to unprecedented limits what is sexually permissible on the London stage," croons the advert for Paul Raymond's latest sextravaganza, The Razzle Dazzle Burlesque Show at La Vie En Rose. What did this mean, I asked Mr Raymond (no relation to the above)? Just a slogan, he said innocently. Didn't the Guardian have an advertising slogan?

In the humid tropics I have looked upon strange gods and filthy rites. But strangely, this full-frontal experience was evocative of the private viewing of a stamp collection which, inflated by freak market conditions, requires each item to be held up to the light and inspected from every angle. Strapping stagehands regularly hauled in large glittering podiums, the better to check for suspect watermarks.

Wasn't it degrading to women, I asked the show's star, Linzi Drew (25). If you don't like it you shouldn't do it, she replied, trying to look serious. "I haven't got the ability to be a brain surgeon. But I've got the ability to look nice naked, it's not hurting anyone. I never know what to say to those sort of questions."

Lots of women in the audience, I prompted. "Oh, yeah, I get lots of letters from women." And from couples. A naturalist pair from Cornwall always wish her luck. "There's another couple who have got a few fantasies about me being their master; that I sleep in black PVC boots and that every morning they have to lick them clean," she chuckled at the idiocy of it all.

It must be revealed at this point that Lindsay ("I saw Linzi in a mail order catalogue and nicked it") has inherited the literary G-string of Fiona Richmond as the roving reporter of Club International. In her current (tenth) column she reminisces about bunk-ups on hard shoulders during her hitch-hiking days.

Is she tempted to invent ("along came my knight in shining armour . . . driving a silves Rolls-Royce")? "I don't think I could make it up, because I'm not a writer," she said. "I've got enough things to write about—drawing on the past and things, you know?"

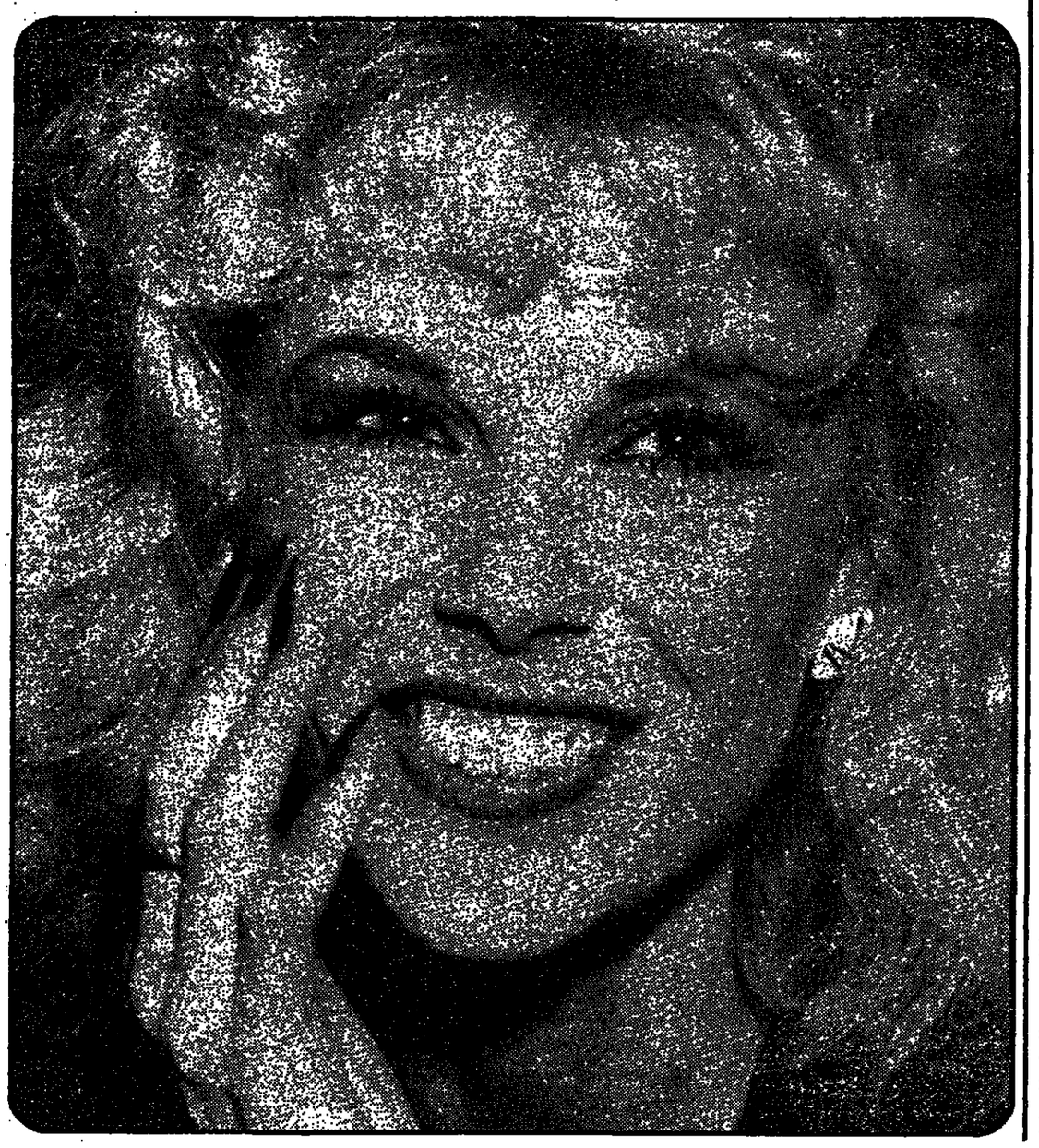
Her prose and pictures have stirred a torrent of mail. "I would like to undress you," begins the first letter. "Then I would dress up in your clothes. Then I would. . . ."

What is a girl from Bristol to do? Given a double helping by nature. Singled out by photographers as a cheerleader for Bristol City Football Club. Finding herself on grotty promotion jobs in London—"handing out bottles of suntan lotion in a grass skirt and boots and it's's pissing down with rain outside. Or standing outside Kentucky Fried Chicken giving our leaflets and people saying 'I'm not eating that rubbish'."

Joining a glamour agency which gave her calendar trips and one-liners with Dave Allen, the Two Ronnies and Little and Large ("You really never know what their names are referring to, do you?")

And now topping the bill. Smiling at lone Japanese and avoiding men seated with "ladies." Her first public performance. "They've got a really over-the-top announcement—the fabulous Linzi Drew." The lights come up and I'm grinning. Some people must think "Who does she think she is?"

A flat in Kensington, a Metro MG Turbo outside. Will she plump for the Fiona Richmand road? "Well, yeah. I thought about writing Confessions Of A Naughty Model. Or something."



DREW — A hard life in the fast lane Picture by Roger Tooth

Soul exploits of the coalminer's son



RUFFIN — Repainted

FORMER Motown star **Jimmy Ruffin** (What Becomes Of The Broken Hearted) was a touch perplexed this week at his reported row with Paul Weller over the political lyrics of the single Soul Deep, released to raise money for miners' families

He was in no doubt that they had been played off against each other. What puzzled him was that he was interviewed by "an Anglo-British guy." The story appeared in the Mail under the picture-byline of black reporter Baz Bamigboye. Such is showbiz.

Ruffin leaves the politics to Weller, but he knows about mining. He is the son of a miner, born in Collinsville, Mississippi. His father had hoboed to the coalfields of Kentucky and Tennessee before raising a family on a piece of woodland which his own father, a freed slave, had acquired.

"I used to get teased because my father was bowlegged. He was crushed by a huge rock in a mine. His legs and ankles were broken. His arms and back were crushed. Every time I see coal mines I remember that story."

In the seventies, when he was living in Britain, he saw an old film clip of the Archbishop of Canterbury exhorting the nation not to abolish child mining. "I am sure a good part of the British people are not aware of their history, of how bad it can be. It's like you are working yourself to death to survive."

Ruffin began work at the age of nine, from selling earthworms to hauling ice blocks on horse-drawn wagons. At the urging of his father, who was dying from a miner's disease, he falsified his age and joined the US Army for four years.

He went to Detroit, entering the mandatory seven-day week of the Ford production line. He joined the picket lines several times. "I knew that the unions were sometimes in bed with the management, but they were protection. With no protection, you revert back to children in mines."

He took diet pills to stay awake, snatching singing gigs in Michigan. At Motown he successfully auditioned with his own song, Don't Feel Sorry For Me, which was recorded. But despite his success he was forced to continue working at Ford until What Becomes Of The Broken Hearted.

"It's not just a matter of talent, but who you are prepared to bow down to and kiss their arse. I was always stubborn. People talk about Motown, but the business people running it were not black. Most of those artists came from working class backgrounds and naturally they were exploited. The name of the game was to be exploited but to get a piece of the pie."

After many travails and troughs, which he attributes to being pigeonholed, he recently signed with EMI in Britain and has released a single There Will Never Be Another You.

"I've been in dry dock," he said. "I've been repaired and repainted and put out to sea. I am back in the water."

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY: Actors: **Michael Crawford**, 43, and **Bryan Pringle**, 50; **Nina Bawden**, novelist, 60; **Phil Everly**, 46; **Patricia Highsmith**, thriller writer, 64; **Richard Lester**, film director, 53; **Nigel Nicolson**, author, publisher, 68; **Laurent Pardo**, rugby footballer, 27; **Dolly Parton**, country and western singer, 39; **Javier Pérez de Cuellar**, secretary-general, United Nations, 65; **Lord Porchester**, the Queen's racing manager, 61; **Simon Rattle**, conductor, 30; **John Stanley**, minister of state for the armed forces, 43.

TOMORROW: Actors: **Tom Baker**, 51, **George Burns**, 89, **Liza Goddard**, 35, and **Patricia Neal**, 59; **Dr Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin**, astronaut, 55; **David Edwards**, provost, Southwark Cathedral, 56; **Frederico Fellini**, film director, 65; **Major Dick Hearn**, racehorse trainer, 64; **Royalton Kirsch**, conductor, 66; **Roy Plomley**, desert island discman, 70; **Slim Whitman**, singer, 61.

MONDAY: Actors: **Benny Hill**, 60, **Telly Savalas**, 61, **Paul Scofield**, 63, and **Martin Shaw**, 40; **Dr Alan Borg**, director, Imperial War Museum, 43; **Dr Rohan Butler**, diplomatic historian, 68; **Dr John Burnett**, principal and vice-chancellor, Edinburgh University, 63; **The Rev John**



RATTLE — 30 this week

Coventry, master, St Edmund's House, Cambridge, 70; **Placido Domingo**, tenor, 44; **Dr John Hayes**, director, National Portrait Gallery, 56; **Jack Nicklaus**, golfer, 45; **Aubrey Singer**, television producer, 58; **Phil Thompson**, footballer, 31; **Laurence Whistler**, glass engraver, author, 73.

TUESDAY: **George Foreman**, former world heavyweight boxing champion, 37; **Mary Haley Bell** (Lady Mills), author, playwright, 71; **John Hurt**, actor, 45; **Nyree Dawn Porter**, actress, 49; **Sir Alf Ramsey**, former England football manager, 65.

WEDNESDAY: **Princess Caroline of Monaco**, 28; **Lord Denning**, former master of the rolls, 86; **Bill Gibb**, fashion designer, 42; **Sir James Lighthill**, provost, University College, London, 61; **Jeanne Moreau**, actress, 57; **Bob Paisley**, former manager, Liverpool FC, 66; **Randolph Scott**, western film actor, 82.

THURSDAY: Actors: **Ernest Borgnine**, 68, **Neil Diamond** (also singer, songwriter), 44, **Nastassja Kinski**, 24, and **Ann Todd**, 76; **Bamber Gascoigne**, writer, broadcaster, 50; **Desmond Morris**, animal and human behaviourist, 57; **Earl Spencer**, father of the Princess of Wales, 61.

FRIDAY: **Raymond Baxter**, broadcaster, writer, 63; **Russell Braddon**, author, biographer, 64; **Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies**, actress, 94; **David Nicholas**, editor and chief executive, ITN, 55; **Leigh Taylor-Young**, actress, 41.

The issue is a hole in the heart

When future historians look at the miners' strike, they won't have to spend long reading Hansard for source material. Considering its importance, it is astonishing that the strike has received so little Commons attention. For ten months, ministers have spoken of little else in private. Mr Bernard Ingham, the Downing Street press secretary, will surely have logged a record total of off-the-record briefing hours on the subject. Mr Peter Walker's phone bill to Fleet Street during the strike must be astronomic. Yet you will search in vain for protracted parliamentary debate. The miners' strike has been ruthlessly marginalised within the parliamentary process. Last time that MPs discussed it at any length was between 12.10 am and 3.12 am in a pre-Christmas adjournment debate attended by a total of two Conservative backbenchers (one of whom was accused of falling fast asleep).

The chief culprit for this neglect, naturally, is the Government. They have preferred to ensure that the strike is played out on television rather than Parliament. The charade of governmental non-intervention *has dictated a quite deliberate relegation of the strike* to the parliamentary sidelines. Nothing is too trivial to have received more debating time. But that is far from the whole story. The Labour Party, too, has some control over the Commons timetable. It can choose the subjects for parliamentary time as well. Yet Labour has been almost as guilty as the Government of depriving MPs of proper opportunities to discuss the strike. Admittedly, the responsibility of an Opposition cannot be fully equated with that of government. Nevertheless, Labour has deliberately preferred not to raise the issue. And that, as much as anything, explains why those Labour MPs who are uncritically committed to the miners have twice been prepared to disrupt Commons business to get their cause onto the agenda and why they speak of doing so again next week. It also explains why the Labour Leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, reacted so angrily to Thursday's backbench aggro from 16 members of the hard left Campaign Group.

In many respects, one sympathises with the 16 MPs. Some of them (though not all) represent constituencies which are directly devastated by the coal dispute. They were sent to Westminster to speak for their valleys and villages and they are confronted with what looks like a conspiracy to gag them. On *the Richter scale of parliamentary disruption, their* actions so far do not rate very high. For the public, it is all part of the unattractive face of Westminster behaviour. So, if that is the only way that the MPs can get their cause on to the order paper, that's the way it has to be. But their frustrations go further than just the Commons agenda. Ten months on, the angry MPs see that the strike is heading for defeat. The anniversary of the dispute is less than eight weeks away. There is a firm but steady drift back to work, even if coal production has not greatly increased. The mining communities are facing a cash crisis which all but merits the use of that much abused term, starvation. There are signs that both sides would like to at least talk about fresh negotiations, while at the same time the Government, scenting the possibility of a crushing victory, seems bent *on preventing a compromise peace.*

None of this is acknowledged by the Campaign Group. For them, as for Mrs Thatcher and (less certainly) for Mr Scargill, the dispute is still about total victory or total defeat. They refuse to recognise the fundamental splits within the miners' union and the labour movement which are every bit as much a cause of the coalfield tragedy as the Government's intransigence. Mr Kinnock sees red when confronted with this blinkered self-deception. And, again, one sees why he does so. Mr Kinnock regards a unified Labour Party as a precondition for his much frustrated plans for launching an electoral revival. His patience with those on the far left of his party who seem oblivious to this consideration has worn thinner as the strike has continued. All the polling and voting evidence suggests that he is absolutely right to do so. *Nevertheless the argument about Labour's strategy* and priorities is one which will have to be fought out to the finish when the strike ends. The row in the parliamentary Labour Party this week is a taste ofthings to come.

Forty years of oblivion

Before we get involved in marking the long series of portentious 40th anniversaries, from Yalta via Berlin to Hiroshima, which this year offers, let us not forget a personal one which is at once glorious, tragic and mysterious, and which has been quietly marked this week. It is hard to be sure what mood of the *verb to use in pointing out that this week* Raoul Wallenberg would have been, or is, 72 years old. What is certain is that he also passed into the custody of the Russians 40 years ago and has never been satisfactorily accounted for since. Mr Wallenberg, a member of a prominent Swedish banking family (of which more later), was sent by the Swedish government as first secretary to its legation in the Hungarian capital of Budapest in July 1944. He went at the request of the American War Refugees Board and the World Jewish Congress, armed with large quantities of dollars and Swedish emergency passports.

In the six months left before the Russians entered Budapest, the tall, shy young Swede, was personally responsible for saving 20,000 Hungarian Jews from Adolf Eichmann's death squads. He was also involved indirectly in the salvation of 80,000 others. A recent biographer of Wallenberg graphically described the bizarre, Wagnerian scene when, at a candlelit dinner with Eichmann, he flung open the blackout curtains to show the flaming horizon lit up by Russian guns and pleaded with the Nazis to halt their desperate and insane massacre programme. When the Russians entered the city, he was taken away, ostensibly to Red Army field headquarters, and was never seen westward of the Iron Curtain again. Yet ever since there has been a persistent flow of reports by Russians and foreigners released over the years from various Soviet prisons and other sources to the effect that Mr Wallenberg was alive in Russian custody.

The only Russian statement on the mystery was made in 1957, when Mr Andrej Gromyko, announced that Mr Wallenberg had died of a heart attack in the Lubyanka, after having been mistakenly confined by a since-executed state security minister. Prior to that *the Russians had denied all knowledge of the man.* Why the NKVD, the predecessor of the KGB, arrested him in the first place is not clear, though it was suggested it thought he was an American spy. It is possible that the Wallenberg name rang an alarm bell because two other members of the family were involved in putting the German resistance in touch with the wartime allies about peace talks. Mr Wallenberg may thus be, or have been, a victim of the Soviet paranoia about a separate German peace with the West, just as Rudolf Hess is. That is speculation. What is clear is that the Soviet Union is hiding something about Mr Wallenberg. How refreshing if it were to come clean at last.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Beveridge is surely turning in his grave

Sir,—If Norman Fowler really believes that the abolition of lump sum grants and extra weekly allowances, in order to pay for higher basic supplementary benefit scale rates, will take the steam out of criticisms of the Government's lack of concern for the poor (January 17) I am sorry to disappoint him.

There is much that is wrong with the present system of single payments and additional requirements and certainly it would make sense to consolidate payments for basic living expenses into the *scale rates.* There are, however, two important provisos.

First, most single payments and a number of the extra weekly allowances are for items which are explicitly defined as additional to normal weekly living expenses. The need for extra payments for such items will continue even if scale rates are raised by about 10 per cent as suggested.

Second, the widespread hostile reaction to the "rough justice" meted out in the 1980 reforms of the supplementary benefits scheme should have taught the Government that a nil-*cost reform, which results in* a large number of claimants being made worse off, is unacceptable.

As Geoffrey Beltram, a former senior DHSS official, wrote in a recent study of the scheme: "Solutions to the basic problems — the relationship between the scale rates and the structure of entitlement to additional requirements and single payments. . . cannot be cost free. A fundamental question for the Government is whether it would not make sense to put substantial extra resources into this scheme."

Without such extra resources, the kind of reform outlined in the Guardian, together with the denial of supplementary benefit to young people, will simply be taken as further evidence that "the Government does not care about the plight of the poor or the unemployed" (Guardian, January 17).—Yours faithfully,
Ruth Lister.
Child Poverty Action Group,
London WC2.

Sir, — Having read (Guardian, January 15) that the cold weather had triggered regulations allowing social security to help with fuel bills for the poorest groups of pensioners and unemployed, I duly went to the local office.

Obviously I am in the poorest group as I was there offered such help; 20p a week extra — as long as it's cold enough. I hope no one sees fit to advertise the scheme lest insulted claimants take to the streets and riot.

Thank you Big Brother and goodnight. — Yours sincerely,
Richard Coates.
72 Chelveston Way,
Westwood, Peterborough.

Sir,—As a national federation representing over 80 organisations of and for people with disabilities, we are horrified at your report of the proposals on supplementary benefit now being considered by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services (January 17).

We have been deeply suspicious of the Fowler reviews since they were announced last year. Our suspicions are rooted in the blatant lack of independence of the review teams — all but one are chaired by Government Ministers presumably reporting to themselves. And, as you stated (Leader December 31), "the membership of the review teams is loaded with people sympathetic to Government aims."

The reviews have also been conducted with very indecent haste — only ten weeks allowed for evidence to be submitted. They represent a very fragmented look at social security, as major elements such as national insurance benefits have been excluded. The entire tax system has also been excluded, making the whole exercise a very one-sided and partial examination of income maintenance.

Overall, the reviews have been totally circumscribed by the nil-cost basis imposed by the Government. Any improvements will mean money being transferred from one set of poor people to another set of poor people. Indeed, resources may well be transferred right out of the social security system, given the Government's overweening desire for tax cuts.

Drastic cuts in additional requirements and single payments are apparently being considered, under the ostensible guise of raising the scale rates of supplementary benefit. People with disabilities will be especially hard hit by such proposals. Ten out of the 14 additional requirements cover extra expenses arising out of disability and/or old age, including additions for heating, laundry and diet.

Given the nil-cost basis of the reviews, it is inconceivable that the Government will make sufficient money available to raise the scale rates to a high enough level to cover such extra expenses *and* ensure that claimants *gain, rather than any* lose out. Even were this the case, it would still be necessary to retain the flexibility of additional requirements and single payments to cover extra needs.

It is clear that the Government's prime consideration is cutting costs rather than meeting the real needs of people who are already living in or on the margins of poverty. The link between poverty and disability has been well-documented. It is invidious that proposals *which will heighten* this poverty are being contemplated.

Your article describes the extreme secrecy which Mr Fowler has imposed on the reviews. This makes a nonsense of any pretence at open consultation or of being another Beveridge. From the reports of the reviews' proposals also given in your article, one can well understand Mr Fowler's need for this veil of secrecy.—Yours sincerely,
Linda Lennard.
The Disability Alliance,
London WC2.

Sir, — Paul Ashton (Letters, January 5) disputes the fact that 3,690,000 children were in poverty in 1981. The true figures, he contends, was 550,000. His letter certainly raises some fundamental questions about the definition of family poverty.

The Family Policy Studies Centre simply quoted Government estimates — from its analysis of low income *families — of those with in*comes below supplementary benefit scale rates plus 40 per cent.

Is the 40 per cent addition justified? It is a matter of judgment but, to take just one example, the SB rates provide for a married couple with a child under 11 £55.15 per week (plus rent and rates) where the head of the household is unemployed. This includes the equivalent of £1.37 per day to feed, clothe, and generally look after the child.

Are those families with up to 40 per cent more income above any acceptable poverty line?

When David Piachaud of the London School of Economics undertook his own study into the cost of a child, he concluded that "supplementary benefit scale rates are substantially less than the estimated cost of modern minium requirements for children." And the Supplementary Benefit Commission itself argued that SB rates for families with children were "barely adequate to meet their needs at a level that is consistent with normal participation in the life of the relatively wealthy society in which they live."

All the evidence available suggests that the mainline of SB rates plus 40 per cent is not an unreasonable indicator of family poverty in Britain.

I would also like to correct Paul Ashton's description of our centre as a "pressure group." It is an independent research centre concerned to monitor family trends and their implications for social policy. Our aim is to stimulate well-informed debate about issues and poverty is certainly one of these.

To diminish the number of poor children by more than three million is a worthy policy objective. It cannot however be achieved by a statistical vanishing act. — Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Wicks.
Family Policies Studies Centre,
London NW1.



What about all that jazz?

Sir,—Your Leader (January 16) on the state of modern musical culture in the perspective of the Bach tercentenary sounded a note of extreme optimism in relation to Karlheinz Stockhausen. Hardly a mention was made of the arguably vastly greater influence of Jazz and other improvised music on the development of twentieth century music.

Without in any way demeaning the remarkable and in many ways, revolutionary impact and importance of Stockhausen, he remains, as a single mind dictating large and sometimes unwieldy (not to say unyielding) musical structures to obedient players, essentially the same sort of composer as his great traditional forebears such as Wagner and Berlioz. Though he may have opened new doors into undreamt of acoustic realms, his role and that of his music is entrenched in the cultural patterns of the past three centuries.

Those of us working in the field of improvised music look forward to a musical era where performed music is neither fossilised (as with much of the BBC's Radio 3 output) nor ephemeral (as on Radio 1) but a living, integrated art-form created and performed by musicians who belong to and inter-act with their audience.

In the year 2228 it is, hopefully a fairer bet that the BBC schedules will be more concerned with giving *air to a communicable, ex*pressive and living (constantly evolving) art music than to the re-enactment of musical history.—Yours faithfully,
Rod Paton.
The British Association for Jazz Education,
Chichester, W Sussex.

Don't blame the GLC for 'rate-capping' the arts

Sir, — As a councillor in a rate-capped borough, I am startled by Sir Peter Hall's reported remarks (Guardian, January 16).

When talking about the arts, the GLC is not scaremongering: it's telling the truth. None of the rate-capped *boroughs want to* make redundancies, be they of its own workforce or forced on those it funds. With rate-capping these will be inescapable.

The cuts will not be in thousands of pounds; they will be in tens of millions.

Given that local authorities are forced by law to provide numerous services and duties, those cuts (if made) will have to be in the other, non-statutory, areas first. The arts lie here.

I work in the arts and, on behalf of the borough, am on the Greenwich Theatre board. I know what such *measures will mean* locally and, by reflection, elsewhere.

To protect those very jobs and services, alongside the other members in the hit-list authorities, I face the risk of bankruptcy, loss of my house, and even imprisonment. I feel insulted by Sir Peter's remarks. Does he think I like the position?

If the penny is dropping with him, I hope and pray that it is also with others, and that they can prevail on the Government before it is too late for us all. — Yours faithfully,
Allan MacCarthy.
55 Lansdowne Lane,
London SE7.

Sir, — You have revealed (January 15) for everyone to see the nature of the petty spitefulness that is such a prominent feature of GLC future arts policy.

Mr Peter Pitt, chairman of the GLC Arts and Recreation Committee weeps crocodile tears and tells us that arts funding is "so hugely vulnerable." He is right: in the hands of political madmen, of course arts funding is vulnerable.

The leaders of the GLC Labour group clearly wish to use this threat to the major *national institutions* and to other important regional and sub-regional theatres as a weapon to beat the Government. They will not be allowed to get away with it.

Moderate members of the Labour group at County Hall must know that it is possible to put together a legal GLC budget without making any of the cuts as outlined by Mr Pitt. When they come to cast their votes in the council for the various alternatives, they must understand that they are making a choice.

Our alternative budget would not adversly affect any of the groups you mention, and indeed provides for a modest increase in grant to the English National Opera, the Festival Ballet, the National Theatre, and the London Orchestral Concerts Board.

The Conservative arts and recreation budget would also allocate money to projects designed to increase ticket sales at many of the sub-regional theatres, particularly to the enormous flood of tourists that we can confidently expect in London during this coming year.

If the cuts that Mr Pitt envisages are made, it must be clearly understood by *everyone that it will be be*cause he chooses to make those cuts and for no other reason at all. — Yours faithfully,
Robert Hughes.
Conservative Spokesman, GLC Arts and Recreation Committee,
London SE1.

Miscellany at large

Sir,—We all know that Fleet Street is not only overwhelmingly Tory — which is bad enough — but Thatcherite Tory at that; Edward Heath has as much chance of fair play at the hands of the national press as Neil Kinnock has.

*Has anyone, though, moni*tored the effects of the daily drip of Thatcherite propaganda provided by BBC Radio 4's morning coverage of the newspapers? This is not a What-the-Papers-Say survey by a detached commentator, or even a summary of news coverage. It is a round-up of right-wing editorial opinion.

The addendum that "the Guardian and Morning Star take a different line" has the effect of marginalising non-Thatcherite views still further.
(Prof) William Lamont.
Newhaven, E Sussex.

Sir, — Your correspondent Mr Ian Black (Guardian, January 11) seems to have seen the swaying palms of idyllic Taba more clearly than he sees or has presented the historical facts. May I cleanse his eyes, and those of your readers, of the dust thrown in them by prevailing Israeli minds?

The Sinai boundary of 1906 is not a line pencil-drawn on a map; the Israeli claim is not the edge of a pencil smudge: and the boundary was not drawn by the British authorities in Egypt. The boundary was an administrative separation line, based on established astronomical survey points, carried out jointly by the Turkish Sultanate and Egyptian Khediviate.

Any "picayune insistence" surely stems from the Israeli claim which lacks the substance on which the Egyptian case is founded.
St John Armitage.
E Horrington, Somerset.

The trustworthy reporters on Cumbrian leukaemia

Sir, — Despite the assertions of the Greenpeace director, Peter Wilkinson (Letters, January 8) the programme of measures announced by BNFL to reduce liquid discharges from the Sellafield reprocessing plant, does meet the requirements of the Paris Commission.

In his Commons written answer on December 18 the Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin made that perfectly clear; and the Government's independent Radioac. Waste Management Advisory Committee has confirmed that in its view the new BNFL programme takes full account of all the scientific evidence, and is consistent with the UK's policy objectives for radioactive waste management as well as the proposal put forward by the Paris Commission in June 1984.

BNFL's aim to reduce discharges of beta activity to *8,000 curies a year is not* optimistic but realistic, and BNFL's chairman Mr Con Allday confirmed on December 18 that this target should be achieved by 1991.

As to Mr Wilkinson's allegations that "children are dying in Cumbria as innocent victims," the report by *the Independent Advisory* Group under the chairmanship of Sir Douglas Black found no evidence of any general risk for children or adults living near Sellafield when compared to the rest of Cumbria, and he gave a qualified assurance to people concerned about a possible health hazard in the neighbourhood of Sellafield.
Geoff Paddock.
British Nuclear Fuels plc,
Risley, Cheshire.

Sir,—The views of your two correspondents (Letters, January 10) about the Black report on cancer in West Cumbria are unjustified.

I have no wish to appear to be defending practices at the Sellafield reprocessing plant, nor would I disagree with Dr Russell Jones's concern over the possible dangers of low-level radiation. However it is clear from the discussion in the Black report and the research being undertaken as a result of its recommendations that, contrary to the view portrayed by your cartoonist, the report is by no means a whitewash.

Dr Lawsons' comments about scientific methodology and hypothesis testing are I think met, so far as they can be in this instance, by the case-control study being undertaken on the recommendation of the report.

Dr Russell Jones and I will probably continue to disagree on whether the report was "thorough". I do however agree with him on the need to consider the possibility that in utero or childhood exposures to radiation are more dangerous than adult exposures, or that there may be certain pathways of exposure which produce unexpectedly high doses of radiation. However I think it worth emphasising that such possibilities were considered by the Black Advisory Group; that is clear from Recommendation 7 of the report.

The point at issue is not whether the Seascale leukaemia cases are, in some so far unexplained way, attributable to radiation from Sellafield; perhaps most people who have considered the problem would agree this is a possibility. The question is whether we can trust the authors of the Black report; I believe we can.—Yours,
G. J. Draper.
Childhood Cancer Research Group,
University of Oxford.

A proper profit from 42 blighted acres

Sir,— The land between the M25/M1/A405 which the Department of Transport is selling was not acquired by compulsory purchase order (Guardian, January 9 and 14; Letters, January 18).

A total of 367 acres were acquired through the planning blight procedures under which the owner required the department to purchase his entire site; 42 acres are now being sold after repurchase was declined by the original owner.

The attention of all prospective purchasers has been drawn to the fact that the land is in the green belt, and it is up to any potential purchaser to pursue a planning application for any proposed form of development with the local planning authorities initially, and subsequently with the Department of the Environment if there is an appeal. The Department of Transport would have no part in the planning decision.

The Department of Transport has acted entirely properly in this matter and would be failing in its duty to the taxpayer if it did not dispose of this land, or did not attempt to secure a *proper share of any increase* in value arising from a successful planning application.— Yours truly,
Lynda Chalker, (MP).
Minister of State for Transport,
London, SW1.

Sir,—A fortnight ago you referred to the independent Moscow Group for Trust as a "peace group" when it is in fact a peace group. Now (January 17) I read in a Leader that the Dutch and Belgian peace movements are really "peace movements." Why this sudden penchant for inverted commas? What do they mean? Am I entitled to refer to the Guardian as a "newspaper"?
Andrew Dobson.
Oxford.

Winter of our cosy content

Sir,—Record electricity demand has been met four times in the last nine days without difficulty by the Central Electricity Generating Board — facts which underscore the inaccuracies in your report (January 18)

The other facts are: peak demand on December 18 was 42,083 megawatts, not 42,200; only one voltage reduction all winter, on November 5, and this has been reported; no other voltage reductions or measures have taker place or are needed; no for eign coal has been imported by the board during the miners' dispute; it *is not* needed.

The CEGB confidently stands by its advice to the secretary of state, which he announced on December 28, that there will be no power cuts in 1985 because of shortage of fuel.—Yours
John Baker.
CEGB, London EC1.

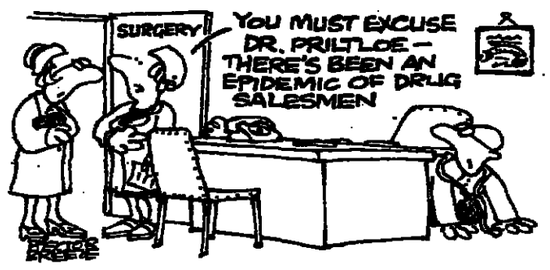
When the drug companies fight shy of the chemical killers

Sir,—Epidemiology has become a more common word in medicine and its application has caused the reduction in deaths from coronary heart diseases in America in recent years. This was achieved by understanding *why* the disease occurred *through its association with* exercise, diet, smoking, and stress.

Insight into other diseases has also been gained by this method of analysis: spina bifida and vitamin/mineral deficiency, liver cirrhosis and alcohol abuse and hyperactivity from food colourings are further examples.

One area that has curiously resisted this approach is the cancers, the West's second major killer; curiously because it was in this field that epidemiology had its origins.

In 1761 the relationship between nasal cancer and tobacco dust was recognised in workers making snuff. Twenty years later Sir Percival Potts announced, correctly, that scrotal cancers in chimney sweeps were caused by the cancer-causing tars in soot. More recently a very rare and specific cervical adenocarcinoma was identified in female offspring of women treated during their *pregnancy with stiboestrol, a* synthetic hormone.



Many other examples exist and the pattern seems clear: a specific cancer site from a specific chemical cause. The DHSS recognises that up to 85 per cent of cancers are preventable but seems to stand by helplessly while 3,000 people die every week from cancers.

The disease pattern in the West now stems from the same cause as the infectious epidemics of 150 years ago: a person's interaction with his or her environment. The only way to affect this pattern is to use the methods of the Victorians and change the environment.

Laws creating better housing, sanitation and cleaner air and working conditions produced healthier people and began the decline in the infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, scarlet fever and diphtheria, which have all but disappeared. Vaccinations and drug therapy made no impact on the decline of these diseases whatsoever, and will not contribute to a more healthy population now.

Allegations of malpractice by drug multinationals are increasing: financial considerations forced Opren into the marketplace. In order to obtain a licence to sell the drug, serious side-effects were not reported. To justify this omission it was stated that the side effects—loss of finger and toe nails—*became so fre*quent that it was no longer alarming.

The report by Social Audit for the British Medical Association (Guardian, January 14), does little to enhance this image. The unethical links between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the tobacco industry are compounded by the spending of less than 12 per cent of cancer research funds on epidemiological topics in 1979.

But why would the chemical companies, offering hope of a drug cure for cancer, want to be linked with the chemical causes of these diseases? Far better to fund appeal charities which promote the "cure approach." A healthy population would mean the death of the drug companies. — Your sincerely,
Chris Upton.
Shoscombe, Avon.

A COUNTRY DIARY

LONGDENDALE: Which tree grows most successfully to the highest altitude in the south Pennine country? I thought about this the other day as I went up the narrow defile of Crowden Little Brook towards the broad brow of Black Hill and saw the last remnants of former medieval woodland, windbent and crack-barked and unhappy hawthorns and rowans. In some major cloughs groups of oak grow surprisingly well and, as in the *upper* Westend, alders bestow an atmosphere of verdure in sheltered corners. However, at the limits of tree growth above, say, 1,400 feet in windy cloughs only the hawthorn and rowan cling on; and it is the rowan that wins the Hardy Stakes at our latitude. While it forms undergrowth in lowland woodlands, so rarely reaches maturity or is ever seen to bear fruit, it succeeds on draughty hillsides and often attains the stature of a small tree and produces glorious masses of ruby fruit. It was these berries which John Evelyn extolled as making a fine drink and it wasn't without reason that one old-time name for the tree was Hen-drunks, for fowls were thought to get intoxicated on the fallen fruit. The wind-wracked sentinel that now stood high up the cloughside against the winter sky, its silvery bark broken by frost and summer sun, was the highest of all the trees on this part of Black Hill. It grew appropriately close to the tributary of Wiggin Clough, for the local name for rowan is "Wiggin," a derivation of witchen or witchwood — in the dim past the tree had magic properties and Pennine folk fastened a branch to the cowshed wall to keep off the evil eye. There at the wretched, contorted heart of this last rowan on the sky-line was the black knot of a twiggy nest, sometime home of a carrion crow, sombre bird of ill-omen whose crackling call echoes at other seasons in the upper cloughs.
ROGER A. REDFERN

WEEKEND SPORT

Matthew Engel savours the Madras moment of victory

England warm chilled heart

CRICKET

THERE may again be a time, perhaps quite soon, when English Test-match victories will again become routine. But it has not happened yet and England faltered nervously on the brink for two hours yesterday before Tim Robinson smacked away a Sivarama full toss and the great moment arrived: 2-1.

Before then, England had to endure the last of this week's bumper bundle of records: a last-wicket stand of 51 between Kirmani and Chetan Sharma. And when Kirmani was finally out, the fielders walked off, not so much in triumph as in that half-pacified fury you feel when finally making a connection on the Indian telephone system.

But the celebration was under way soon enough. The victory being more expected than that in Delhi, there was time to get champagne — German, but even that is about £40 a bottle out here — to mark the occasion properly: not just a Test win but a success that changes the context of English cricket.

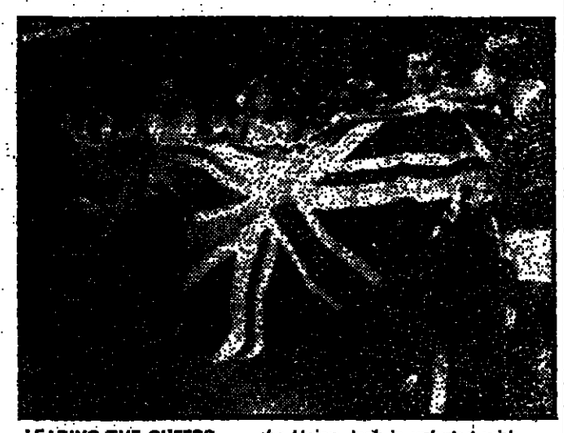
Even if the worst comes to the worst in the final Test at Kanpur in 12 days time (and Gavaskar has announced, quite unashamedly, that he wants and expects an under-prepared wicket) Gower will still finish this winter having avoided defeat in the series, which no English touring captain has done since the end of the Packer split six years ago.

Brearley lost on his last tour to Australia; Botham in the West Indies, Fletcher in India and Willis in Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan.

A while ago it looked as if the players banned for going to South Africa would return this summer like Hercules clearing the muck from the stables. Indeed, last winter one felt that Peter May, chairman of selectors, would cheerfully have exchanged the 15 he did choose for the tour for the 15 of them. Now, everyone, even Gooch — and Botham as well — will have to fight for a place.

What started as a four of public tragedy has become a cricketing triumph. For the first time for a while it is going to be harder to get into the England team than out of it.

The three match winners of Madras—Fowler, Gatting and Foster—were all players who began this tour with a lot to prove. There is no man of the match for this series partly because there is no sponsor and partly, one guesses, to avoid reopening the row about what goes into the Indian players' pool. If there was, it would have been a very hard choice, because it may be a long while before we see another in-



LEADING THE CHEERS . . . the Union Jack is unfurled with victory in Madras yesterday

nings of the quantity and quality of Gatting's.

Both Gower and the England manager Tony Brown, however, were especially fulsome about Foster. He finished with five for 59 in the second innings and 11 for 163, the best match figures of his life, in intense heat and on a pitch where the ball hardly moved at all off the seam. In the second innings he conceded only two runs an over when those about him were conceding three, four and five.

Gower said Foster had worked immensely hard in the nets all through the tour, despite being ignored for the first three Tests. Foster, who has his head screwed on, said he had always wanted to get 11 in a match, but his next job was to try for 12.

The Indian selectors met for 45 minutes after the match, and produced only one change: Yadav has not

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survived his battering from Fowler and the off-spinner with the idiosyncratic action, Ashok Patel, comes in, which could re-open a controversy from the early part of the tour. Patel is already in the one-day squad and will probably be seen again in the next international, in Bangalore tomorrow.

But he will probably not play in Kanpur. More likely the three men left out of the 14 in Madras will come into the reckoning: the other off-spinner, Gopal Sharma the seamer, Ghai, who might well displace the disappointing Chetan Sharma, and the middle-order bat, Malhotra, who may have the off-form Vengsarkar in his sights. Only Amarnath, Azharuddin and Shastri look like really formidable Test batsmen for India at the moment.

The two of those who remain yesterday were despatched in the first half an hour. The centurion, Azharuddin, had proved that he can play gloriously on the off side as well as defend endlessly and whip the ball square off his legs.

But Pocock, the main sufferer from the young master on Thursday, had the final word, spinning the ball too much for his forward stun and getting it caught backpad at silly point. Three overs later Edmunds had Shastri out in the same manner on the other side of the wicket, and the main roadblocks were cleared.

There was still Kapil Dev. He began pushing forward with unfamiliar restraint, like the town rolsterer trying to remember that he is in chapel. But a man can deny his nature for only so long, and there soon developed a vigorous stand with Kirmani: Kapil playing all the strokes, including a whack for six against Pocock; Kirmani concentrating on his bread-and-butter shot (or, as the Indians say his chapatti shot), thte shovelled cut.

Soon England, on the brink of winning the match, had to have two fly-slips and a fly-gully to try to stop him. And after 90 minutes, 22 overs after it was due, Gower had to take the new ball. He was right to delay as long as he could—you can play your ace only once. And when he played it, it worked. A beauty from Cowans had Kapil caught at first slip; Siva played across at Foster and was lbw; then after lunch Cowans dug one in at Yadav and he was caught behind.

The ninth wicket fell with India still 19 runs behind England, and we began to look up England's win by an innings (Edgbaston 1979, also against India; that was 61 Tests ago, which shows how the game, if not the wins, have certainly become routine).

Soon, though, we were looking up India's record last-wicket stand against England. Kirmani was shovelling happily and Chetan defending most doggedly and looking very dignified when Foster pounced. The fast bowlers came off shaking their heads. And the stand had equalled the record, at 51, when one of the fly-slips gobbled Kirmani.

The crowd really began to enjoy themselves during this partnership. Afterwards, the England manager praised their fariness, along with that of the pitch and the umpires. And the people have been superb. In contrast to the firecracker-throwing partisans of Bombay, the stayaways of Delhi and the Gavaskar-baiters of Calcutta, they have been offered good cricket by both teams and have applauded it generously, they deserved to see their team fight back a bit.

It did not affect the result. Nor did the unfortunate start to England's brief innings. With 33 needed to win, Siva took the new ball and promptly turned one out of the rough to remove Fowler and tarnish his greatest match just a little. The same might have happened to Gatting, since his two attempts at match-winning shots both went wrong. But solid old Robinson did the necessary.

FOURTH TEST SCOREBOARD

INDIA—First Innings

S. M. Gavaskar b Foster	17
K. Srikkanth c Downton b Cowans	0
D. B. Vengsarkar c Lamb b Foster	17
M. Amarnath c Downton b Foster	15
M. Azharuddin b Cowdrey	41
R. J. Shastri c Downton b Foster	2
Kapil Dev c Gatting b Cowdrey	52
S. M. H. Kirmani not out	30
S. Yadav b Foster	2
L. Sivaramakrishnan c Cowdrey b Foster	13
Chetan Sharma c Lamb b Cowans	5
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total	273

Fall of wickets: 17, 77, 45, 155, 167, 197, 247, 249, 263.
Bowling: Cowans 12.5–0–39–2; Foster 23–2–104–6; Edmonds 6–1–33–0; Cowdrey 19–1–85–2; Pocock 7–1–28–0.

ENGLAND—First Innings

G. Fowler c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	201
R. T. Robinson c Kirmani b Sivarama	74
M. W. Gatting c sub b Shastri	207
A. J. Lamb b Amarnath	82
P. H. Edmonds lbw b Shastri	36
N. A. Foster b Amarnath	5
D. L. Gower b Kapil Dev	15
C. J. Cowdrey not out	2
P. J. Pocock not out	3
Extras (b 7, lb 18, nb 17)	43
Total (7 wkts dec)	662

Fall of wickets: 178, 419, 563, 599, 604, 640, 646.
Bowling: Kapil Dev 36–5–131–2; Sharma 19–2–86–0; Yadav 22–4–78–0; Sivarama-krishnan 44–6–145–1; Shastri 42–7–143–2; Amarnath 12–1–36–2.
Did not bat: P. I. Pocock, N. G. Cowans.

INDIA—Second Innings

S. M. Gavaskar c Gatting b Foster	3
K. Srikkanth c Cowdrey b Foster	16
D. B. Vengsarkar c Downton b Foster	2
M. Amarnath c Cowans b Foster	35
M. Azharuddin c Gower b Pocock	105
R. J. Shastri c Cowdrey b Edmonds	33
Kapil Dev c Gatting b Cowans	49
S. M. H. Kirmani c Lamb b Edmonds	75
L. Sivaramakrishnan lbw b Foster	5
S. Yadav c Downton b Cowans	5
C. Sharma not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 2)	7
Total	412

Fall of wickets: 11, 19, 22, 212, 259, 259, 341, 350, 361.
Bowling: Cowans 15–1–73–2; Foster 28.3–5–59–5; Cowdrey 5–0–26–0; Edmonds 41.5–13–119–2; Pocock 22–8–130–1.

ENGLAND—Second Innings

G. Fowler c Kirmani b Sivarama-krishnan	2
R. T. Robinson not out	21
M. W. Gatting not out	10
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	35

Fall of wicket: 7.
Bowling: Kapil Dev 3–0–20–0; Sivarama-krishnan 6–0–12–1; Shastri 1–0–3–0.
No balls debited to bowlers.

Reid leads New Zealand recovery in Wellington Test, page 16.

TEST AVERAGES compiled by Bill Frindall

ENGLAND BATTING

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Av
M. W. Gatting	4	7	2	207	472	94.40
P. W. Downton	4	5	3	74	182	91.00
R. T. Robinson	4	7	1	160	382	55.23
G. Foster	5	7	0	201	369	52.71
A. J. Lamb	4	6	1	82	257	51.40
P. H. Edmonds	4	5	0	36	128	25.60
C. J. Cowdrey	4	5	1	33	95	23.75
P. J. Pocock	4	4	1	22*	35	11.66
D. L. Gower	4	5	0	19	57	11.40
N. A. Foster	3	4	0	10	12	3.00
N. G. Cowans	4	4	1	1	1	0.33

Played in one Test: N. A. Foster 5.

ENGLAND BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av	Best
Foster	51	10	163	11	14.81	6–104
Edmonds	203.1	88	472	12	39.30	6–60
Cowans	183.5	37	457	12	38.41	3–103
Pocock	213.5	61	576	12	48.00	4–43
Cowdrey	38	7	146	3	48.66	2–85
Gatting	165	24	288	4	72.25	4–65

Also bowled: Foster 1–1–0–0; Gatting 12–1–29–0; Gower 3–0–13–0; Lamb 1–0–6–1; Robinson 1–1–0–0.

INDIA BATTING

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Av
M. Azharuddin	4	8	0	110	263	87.66
M. Amarnath	4	8	1	85	332	65.33
R. J. Shastri	4	7	1	102	322	54.40
S. M. H. Kirmani	4	6	2	75*	275	55.00
Kapil Dev	4	6	1	52	211	42.20
C. Sharma	3	4	0	17	39	39.00
S. M. Patil	3	3	0	41	91	30.33
M. Prabhakar	2	4	1	35*	88	29.66
D. B. Vengsarkar	4	8	0	49	147	24.5
S. M. Gavaskar	4	7	0	65	127	18.71
N. S. Yadav	4	6	2	29*	43	14.33
A. D. Gaekwad	2	5	0	28	71	14.20
L. Sivaramakrishnan	4	4	0	25	43	10.75

Played in one Test: K. Srikkanth 0, 16.

INDIA BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av	Best
Sivaramakrishnan	210.3	51	658	23	24.80	6–64
Yadav	134	31	362	9	40.22	4–86
Sharma	50.3	6	200	4	50.00	4–36
Kapil Dev	120	25	335	6	55.83	2–34
Shastri	145	33	326	4	81.50	2–143

Also bowled: Amarnath 17–3–63–2; Gaekwad 1–0–1–0; Gavaskar 0.4–0–10–0; Prabhakar 29–4–102–1.

Frank Keating on why the garlands may be decorating Colin Jones's shoulders after his world welterweight title fight against Don Curry tonight, which offers a classic clash of styles

BOXING

ON ACCOUNT of Colin Jones, the former Swansea gravedigger and pride and joy of the Valleys, the Prince of Wales was officially invited to tonight's world welterweight title fight in Birmingham by the promoter Frank Warren.

The plummy message came back from the Palace—His Highness had another engagement "and therefore will be unable to attend the wrestling match."

Wrestling! They really should stop opening bazaars, dismount and get in touch with the common people. Jones's challenge for Don Curry's WBA Championship had generated more acres of newsprint than any other fight I remember—helped, of course, by the weather that has wiped out columns that are usually devoted to soccer and horse racing. A promoter's dream.

Tonight offers a classic clash of style and styles. The champion from Texas has been magnificently coached and can dance the light fantastic and punch hard in clusters: he is slippery and has, in the vogue description, fast hands. Jones is the classic throwback: craggy and durable, and a one-punch hitter. They were bred like him when Kid Cain and Boy Abel were topping bills well before Gethsemene Square Garden was packing them in.

Curry is on all betting shop backboards today as runaway favourite. Settle early in front of your TV tonight else you might miss it, was the word from the know-alls in Birmingham yesterday. First bell might well be the last. Jones's heart is no longer in it, they say. Tonight represents a bit of pain for a nice little pension, *thank you very much. Or so* everyone tells you. Except Jones.

Whatever the wise men say, I cannot shrug off the likelihood that Jones's toiled shoulders will be decorated with garlands sometime before midnight. There is no question that Curry has been having trouble making the welterweight limit—his next fight will be at light-middle.

At training Curry has sometimes looked like a frogman, all dolled up in a rubber suit to sweat off the pounds. The Cobra might yet be kitten weak. Curry broke his right hand in his points win over Hwang of Korea and has never since used a heavy, padded punchbag. He just hits air-filled footballs.

And I'm not being silly but a necessary part of Jones's defence—for he is always boring forward — is his crewcut head. The Welshman leads not with his chin but his cranium, that could well soften up Curry's delicate hand. And sometimes, explosively, another part of Jones's armoury is a hook like a meaningful Solidarity salute that starts coming from around his left knee.

There was a nice story by David Emery in yesterday's Daily Express. An American buttonholed Jones in his Birmingham hotel and asked about Curry's brilliance. What was the Welshman's strategy? Jones eyes him impassively. "My strategy?" he mimicked, and pondered awhile. "Well, I think I'll just give him a couple of belts round the ear and see how it goes. All that scientific stuff . . . in this game it comes down to one thing — who has the biggest belly!"

Possibly long memories have caused native pessimism over Jones's chances. I remember when Alan Minter won the middleweight title from that one-man casualty ward Vito Antuofermo a few years back and returned home to balmy acclaim as unbeatable. Maggie's gunboat spirit prevailed in those days — British bulldogs were very fierce. Everyone flocked to eat steak at Alan's restaurant. He got the freedom of Crawley and I daresay even the nobs of Haywards Heath were thinking of doing the same.

When Marvin Hagler challenged him it was a foregone conclusion. Nobody seemed to bother even to catch a bus to Battersea to take a look in the gym at the shaven-headed black anaesthetist. I did and suggested it would be a very sombre outcome. Minter was raging favourite. I said he would not last five minutes against that guy. They said I was mad.

If you recall, it lasted seven minutes. Our steakhouse colonel was sliced to bits by the master butcher, and the Wembley crowd, unable to believe how Fleet Street had misled them, staged a minor, beer bottle riot.

Since when the British have been very wary of boasting about boxing.

Tonight both men, as I say, have a singular style. Curry's offers the complicated way of doing a simple thing. Jones offers the simple way of doing a very complicated thing: namely to render a fellow worker unconscious. The simple way should have it. Curry's head tonight, I fancy, will resemble the concert hall where Chinese music never stops playing.

There has been some good stuff this week but all pretty meaningless. The time of today's weigh-in — of course they compromised yesterday and it is at 10.30am — has made almost as much news as Lawson will make on Budget Day. Then Jones went off on Wednesday night to Wales to see his sick little daughter Rebecca, who has been coughing badly. And also, one presumes, for a last good-luck cuddle with his wife.

Sleeping with your wife before a fight! Unheard of, said the fancy. Dear, awful old boxing is marvellously old-fashioned and straitlaced. For centuries they have considered sex was so deblilitating.

Old-time trainers would even fit a ring of elastic bands over the fighters' privates at night, so that if he began to get an erection and might have even had a wet dream, the pain from the ring would wake him up and the trainer would pull on his polo-necked woolly sweater and rush to throw a pail of cold water over him.

The American writer George Plimpton once interviewed Angelo Dundee on the subject and mentioned that Primo Carnera had been fitted with the rubber bands at night for just that reason. "Didn't do much good," Angelo told him. "They could have put eight rubber bands on Primo and he never would have been no fighter."

Dundee told me when he came over to London last year that it was not the act itself—"natural things don't harm anyone — but it was the chasing it and the wine that went with the women, that was the real problem."

I can't recall many fighters from Texas. Curry comes from Fort Worth. One of the most brilliant Texan champions was Lew Jenkins, was was born at Sweetwater in 1916. He must have been a magnificent operator, though by the time he was 25 he was all washed up. Women again—and booze.

He once recalled his first championship fight, challenging Lou Ambers for the lightweight title: "I trained very good, but a week before I broke all the rules. All the rules you could break. Screwing, the whole goddam thing. I couldn't go no further. I'd been on that training long enough. I didn't go for training. I would go out, run a little, and sit down, smoke a cigarette, rest awhile.

"I had bottles in the corner and everything else. People have to see it to believe the way I fought. I had been drunk every time I boxed, just about. I would go to the gym, work out for five or six rounds, get all cleaned up and start hitting the clubs. I never would go in one club and hang out. I'd hit them all every night wherever I happened to be, wherever they had something to drink and a few broads on the loose."

Luckily, Jones is a member only of the Lechlyr Workingman's Club where they specialise in snooker.

Lew Jenkins, by the way, pulled himself together, thanks to the Korean War and won more medals for gallantry than Audie Murphy. Last time I came across him he was happily running a laundry business in California and proud of his academic son. A great man.

That was the last time Jones fought for the welterweight title, the WBC version, against Milton McCrory. Last year in Las Vegas Jones was representing that cluster of villages that crane over Burry Inlet and Carmarthen Bay. The boyos who will be coming up Ross Spur this afternoon to Birmingham had made the pilgrimage to Nevada.

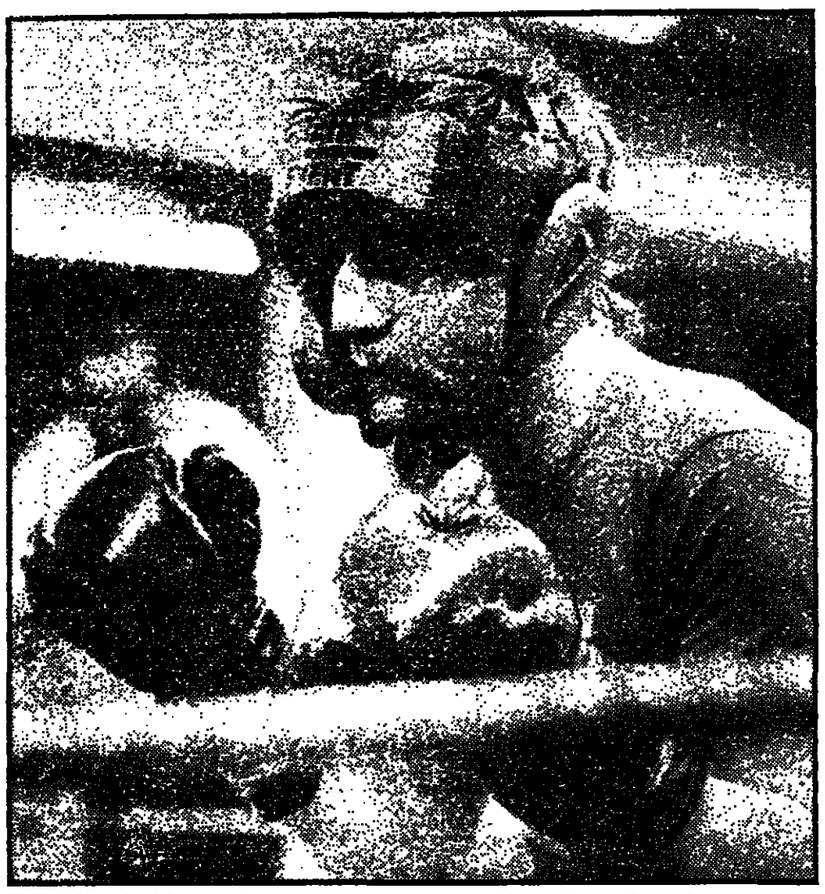
I remember them piling in with sallow jet lag but expectant faces to the Oasis Bar in that awful town and in next to no time the hideous ranks of wall-to-wall slot machines were enjoying at last impersonating a cheerful workingman's club. As each Welshman arrived they were given a scarlet T-shirt emblazoned with fire-breathing dragons.

All the talk then was of the Social Security men checking up as they left the airport for the trip. Today, of course, talk will be of the epic stand by the mining community.

The point, among others, is that Jones, despite his wealth, remains very much a man of his people. Yesterday afternoon he was greeting friends who had hitch-hiked up to get an early seat. He looks as though he means business—if for no one else, only for them. He immediately melted into any familiar company. He is no distant hero but an enduring family friend who has made the big time.

I met a man last night who I'd last seen in Las Vegas. A steelworker. "Col's just a natural. But he has done it all by hard work. He has run up and down our hills above Gorseinon—we call it the Martyr's Hill. Unlike us, Colin has always had an inner hardness. Well, champions have to be hard, don't they? They have to be born hard. Colin is so hard that he is not afraid to admit to us that he voted for Thatcher last time."

That's the spirit that I fancy will prevail tonight.



GUARDED OPTIMISM . . . for Jones, whose hardened spirit could prevail tonight. Picture by Don McPhee

A throwback on the threshold of success

FRANK WARREN says he will offer Milton McCrory, holder of the WBC welterweight championship, $1 million to stake his title in Britain if Jones wins. "It is an offer McCrory can hardly refuse, and it will be logical to produce an undisputed champion," said Warren.

David Lacey on the transformation in the career of the manager at the top of the League

Everton mint is so sweet to Kendall

THE POSTPONEMENT of this afternoon's lofty confrontation between Tottenham Hotspur, lying second in the First Division, and Everton, the League leaders, at White Hart Lane has deprived Howard Kendall's team of the chance to prove to one of London's most discerning soccer audiences that they really are back in the forefront of the English game.

This may sound odd since it is now ten months since Everton took Liverpool to a replay in the Milk Cup final and eight months since they beat Watford in the FA Cup Final.

Moreover since the beginning of last year Everton have lost only ten games out of 69 and this season they have set a club record by winning ten matches in succession, including their first victory at Anfield since 1970 and a 5-0 rout of Manchester United. They are the League's leading scorers with 53 goals.

Yet Everton still feel that they have not been given sufficient credit for these achievements. "I looked at a newspaper photograph the other day," said Kendall at a lunch in London yesterday during which he received the Sports Writers' Association's Guinness Cup, "and it was all about 'anonymous Everton.' All my squad had their faces blanked out.

"I know the talent that I've got because it delights me and excites me every day of the week.

"The players are playing the way we want them to play and the most pleasing thing about it is that there is very little for me to say at half-time or the end of a game. That's the biggest compliment I can pay the players.

"Some of our present team are as skilful and exciting as anything I've ever seen. Trevor Steven is the nearest I've seen to Alex Young in terms of graceful movement.

"He's got tremendous balance. He's not a winger or a midfield player but a combination of both. That is a rare commodity these days. Steve Coppell was the last one who could go past the full-back and also worked hard so you weren't doing without a midfield player. He wasn't a winger because most wingers don't want to work.

"Peter Reid is a rare player who can take a game by the scruff of the neck and say 'Give it to me, I'll run it.' The only thing is he's not a consistent goal scorer. But Reid and Bracewell would have kept me out of the side had I been playing for Everton now."

Last season Everton scored a meagre 11 goals in the first 21 League matches and their home attendances were falling below 15,000. "You not only heard the criticism, you could see who was shouting it," Kendall said.

Among the footballing press nobody was prepared to bet against Kendall becoming the first managerial casualty of 1984. "I had to be aware of this because I was reading it every day of the week," he admits now.

"We always believed in the players we had. Perhaps it was a lack of confidence or maybe the players were frightened to go out and play at Goodison. They didn't want the ball because things were just not working out.

"We needed something to happen and the cup games were important."

Here again it was touch and go for Kendall. In the third round of the 1983-4 Milk Cup Everton were a goal down at home to Coventry and playing before a crowd of just over 9,000. Kendall, having been given the obligatory vote of confidence by his chairman, seemed to be seven minutes away from the sack.

However Everton managed to win that tie 2-1 and when, in the fifth round, Brock's back-pass enabled Heath to scramble a 1-1 draw at Oxford the luck of Kendall and his team had obviously turned.

Kendall rates his decision to sign the talented but injury-prone Andy Gray from Wolverhampton as one of the most important in his 3½ years as Everton manager. "He's a very confident type of player. He came in and made things happen.

"At his first practice we went out an did some set pieces. John Bailey put the ball over and Andy Gray put a bullet of a header into the back of the net. Andy said 'John, thats the first quality ball I've had for two years. John replied 'That's the first time I've had anyone on the end of a cross for two years!'"

Kendall regards his early administrative experience at Stoke, as assistant to Alan Durban, and Blackburn as vital to his present success but admits that "even after the groundwork I went to Everton and slipped up because I made a number of changes immediately and some of the players I had did not turn out to be of the required standard." In fact he had wanted to sign Bryan Robson from WBA.

He concedes that Everton supporters still want to see skilful football but adds that "above everything else they have wanted the team to be successful again.

"Our average gate last summer was between 18,000 and 19,000. Now we're up to 28,000, with the derby game against Liverpool still to come."



KENDALL: Change of luck

WEEKEND SPORT: TWO

David Irvine

England in cold store

RUGBY UNION

EXCEPT for the B international between Scotland and France at Murrayfield, enjoying the protection of its 25-year-old electric blanket, installed at an estimated cost of £20,000, the Arctic weather last night threatened to wipe out the entire first-class Rugby Union programme in Britain, Ireland and France this weekend.

Yesterday, after a heavy snowfall overnight, the match between Ireland and England in Dublin was consigned to the pending tray along with France v. Wales, which was due to have been played in Paris. Never before in the 102 years of the International championship have two fixtures on the same day been called off.

It was not surprising to hear England's coach Dick Greenwood yesterday describe the team's abortive trip as a setback. They now face what could prove a far more difficult start against France, the favourites, at Twickenham on February 2.

Greenwood said: "I felt they were coming to a bit of a peak. Psychological matters do play an important part and there was such a build-up of feeling over the comments after the Romania match that the team really wanted to get out and play. But I dare say it will work to our advantage eventually."

One obvious benefit of the delay is the chance it afforded the selectors to reconsider the claims of Jim Syddall and Gary Rees, two forwards who could have added much-needed experience and mobility to the pack. But almost immediately the selectors said the team intended to play Ireland would now face France, the only change being the return of Clive Woodward on the replacement bench in place of Huw Davies.

Ireland also announced that their selected team would be the one to face Scotland at Murrayfield in a fortnight's time. In Ireland's case this "no-change" policy made considerably more sense—England's, it appears, is a victory for the heart over the head. The French, at least, should be grateful.

Though agreement to rearrange the France-Wales match for March 30 was reached almost immediately, there were complications in agreeing the same date for the Ireland-England game. Originally, that was the date set for the county championship final between Middlesex and Notts, Lincs and Derbys at Twickenham.

Wisely—and particularly with the summer tour of New Zealand in mind—the RFU have decided to put international above domestic issues and the country final will now be decided on April 13.

So, and in spite of the fact that the international campaign will not be started until February for the first time this century, all the matches will be completed—more postponements permitting—by the end of March.

Postponements in the Five Nations Championship are surprisingly rare. Of 304 matches staged in the post-war era only five have been delayed because of bad weather before this latest wipe-out—England's matches with France at Twickenham in 1947, with Wales at Cardiff in 1955 and with France in Paris in 1956.

That last occasion will doubtless be recalled by the Prime Minister. When the fixture was eventually played at Stade Colombes in April, her husband, Denis, then a prominent member of the London Referees' Society, was the England touch judge.

Even before the Scottish RU acquired their blanket, a gift from the head of a whisky distillery, they always managed to make the pitch playable for major matches—once by erecting marquees in which were placed industrial heaters. Since the blanket's installation, they have encountered no problems at all.

It says much for the ingenuity of the various unions that even in 1946-7 and 1962-3, the seasons hardest hit by the cold during the past 50 years, only one match was postponed. Twenty-two years ago at Colombes the French adopted a scorched-earth policy, setting fire to the straw covering the pitch to thaw it out for their match with Scotland, while at Cardiff a week later they used straw and braziers to save (if that is the right word) what turned out to be the last match England won there.

That 1962-3 winter was the worst for English clubs. Coventry, who had three men in the England side at the time, did not play from December 22 until March 2. Even when they resumed, it was by courtesy of the KCS Old Boys at Wimbledon, where they met Nuneaton in a friendly.

David Lacey on UEFA's European verdict

Celtic let off on two fronts

SOCCER

CELTIC have avoided the threatened ban from European competitions which would have forced the Scottish club to re-examine their financial structure and sell their better players to reduce the wages bill.

Following the crowd trouble at Old Trafford on December 12, when two Rapid Vienna players were attacked by spectators in the Cup-winners' Cup match that the European Football Union had ordered to be replayed, Celtic feared banishment for anything up to four years.

Yesterday, however, UEFA announced that they had fined Celtic 50,000 Swiss francs (£17,000) and instructed them to play their next European home match behind closed doors.

If the judgment seems lenient in the light of the well-televised incidents when Feurer, the Rapid goalkeeper, was attacked by a fan during the match and Pacult, whose goal finally knocked Celtic out of the competition, was kicked in the groin by another at the end, it must be remembered the circumstances which led to the game being replayed were somewhat murky.

Originally Celtic, after losing the first leg of their second-round tie 3-1 in Vienna, won the return 3-0 at Parkhead. Ten minutes from the end of this game two bottles were thrown on to the pitch and although these hit no one, a Rapid player, Weinhofer, went down claiming to have been struck by a smaller object, probably a coin, thrown from the terraces.

Weinhofer stayed off for the rest of the game and Rapid, who had used up all their substitutes, were unable to replace him. This was the basis of the Austrian club's case for a replay. At first UEFA refused their pleas—in fact Rapid began by demanding that the tie be awarded to them without further ado—and were content to fine Celtic £4,000 for the missiles and Rapid £5,000 because of the way their bench had behaved.

Rapid then appealed, producing medical evidence to prove that Weinhofer's injury had been sufficiently serious to warrant stitches. UEFA believed them and flabbergasted Celtic were told to play the game again on a neutral ground.

Why UEFA did not insist that the match take place behind closed doors, as they had done in previous cases of crowd trouble involving West Ham and Aston Villa, remains a mystery. While nothing could excuse the loutish attacks on Rapid players at Old Trafford, the feeling remained that UEFA had needlessly exacerbated the situation.

Now, however, they appear to have made the fairest decision possible in the circumstances. Desmond White, the Celtic chairman, said yesterday that the possibility of an appeal could not be ruled out — a decision will be made on Monday — but presumably he was merely keeping an option open.

While nothing has happened to dispel the club's feeling of injustice at having had to replay their home leg, not to mention being knocked out of Europe after originally achieving a notable recovery to win the tie, the sense of relief at Parkhead yesterday was obvious.

According to David Hay, the Celtic manager: "The great thing is that this decision does not curtail our planning for the future in any way." The club had feared that they might have to part with McStay, Johnston and others because of the cash loss a ban would have entailed.

"All the money in the world cannot buy you a place in Europe," Hay added. "In fact, I feel sorry for the players knocked out of the Cup-Winners' cup in the re-played game. That was punishment enough. Any ban would have been harsh on them because the incidents were not of their making.

"Unfortunately someone threw a bottle at Parkhead and that was the start of the whole episode. What we have learned is that, at the end of the day, a club cannot be totally responsible for the actions of supporters and that sometimes you suffer unjustly."

In terms of footballing case law UEFA appear to have made an important distinction between the scenes of massed crowd violence which in the past have led to clubs either being banned from Europe or forced to stage home matches on neutral territory, and the sort of isolated incidents of thuggery seen at Old Trafford.

The Football Association came to a similar conclusion in dealing with the incident in which Burton Albion's goalkeeper was being laid out by a block of wood during a third-round FA Cup tie against Leicester City, albeit by a less roundabout route.

CELTIC'S relief over Europe was tempered by the postponement of their Scottish Premier Division game with Hearts, leaving Aberdeen with the chance to go eight points clear, writes Brian Wilson.

This is Celtic's third successive blank day and they must hope their Glasgow rivals can upset the leaders at Pittodrie with 31-year-old Derek Johnstone back in a Rangers shirt after his signing from Chelsea yesterday.

In the only other Premier League game today, Hibernian and Dumbarton meet at Easter Road and, following last week's shock win at Ibrox, the Edinburgh side must be confident of two more points.



SOCCER DIARY

Patrick Barclay

Dept of Tom foolery

PUZZLEMENT pervades Lancashire over Tom Finney's appointment as chairman of Preston Health Authority. Though still hugely popular, the old maestro — now retired from his plumbing business — is not known for his expertise in health matters.

However, the cock-up theory of government suggests that the likeliest explanation lies in a tale going the rounds locally.

Pondering the vacancy, Norman Fowler, Secretary for Health and Social Services, is in conclave with his mandarins. "What we need," he says, "is a good right winger." "Yes, minister," replies a Whitehall whiz kid, "Preston used to have one — chap called Finney."

"Right!" cries Fowler, thumping the desk. "Get him!" Finney, aged 62, denies any political links and in fairness it must be said he played pretty well on the left too — best of all, some say, at centre forward.

LEAK OF the week comes from the caucus meeting of elite clubs on Wednesday night. The chairman, Arsenal's Peter Hill-Wood, irked at disclosure of the London venue, greeted representatives at 7.30pm with a warning that there was a mole in their midst.

Accordingly, no one would be allowed from the room for any reason until after Fleet Street's first editions had been printed.

Well inside the deadline, who should be shifting uneasily in his seat but the [illegible] Hill-Wood? "The story, gentlemen, is out," he [illegible] and amid hilarity was put on his honour to come straight back from the lavatory.

EAST FIFE'S manager Dave Clarke didn't talk tactics before the Partick Thistle match. After inspecting the bone-hard pitch, he simply walked into the dressing room and pinned up a team sheet that read: "Catchit, Hackett, Humpit, Thumpit, Bumpit, Crackett, Smackett, Smashit, Nickit, Kickit and Stickett." His players got the message and won 3-1.

TERRY NEILL, football manager turned ghosted author, has lately found his new career more of a dog's dinner than a literary luncheon.

The former Arsenal smoothie, upon completing a book to be published in March, thought he would earn a few extra bob from a piece in Penthouse. This made quite a splash, albeit in the Daily Mirror, which got hold of extracts — the bits about *birds, booze and corruption* — before publication.

It was, however, a costly own goal for Neill, because he had earlier agreed to sell serialisation of his book to the News of the World, who were willing to pay £10,000. Now he has spilled too many beans — mostly, regrettably, about players competing to have sex nearest to kick-off time — for the liking of the Sunday paper, who immediately slashed £4,000 off his fee.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST may not have won much lately but their match programme is stretching a point when it lists among the club's honours "European Super Cup runners-up, 1980." Finishing second is hardly something Brian Clough would wish to crow about . . . especially in a two-horse race.

ORIG WILLIAMS, the once notorious defender who promises vengeance on the Welsh FA in a forthcoming autobiography, is fondly remembered by at least one referee.

Geoffrey Davies, now vicar of Allington, near Salisbury, recalls that "Orrible Orig" was also a wrestler and as such, knew how to take it up. Once, when fouled, he ran back as though the whistle had gone against him. Mr Davies shouted: "It's for you Orig" and he shouted back that he wasn't used to that.

Orig was sent off by another referee for foul and abusive language and pleaded to the Welsh FA that the referee had taken a perfectly respectable Welsh remark for and English obscenity. Authority was not impressed.

Charles Burgess

Fans can repay Chelsea effort

Only 10 of today's Football League games have survived the weather and tomorrow's proposed live televised game on ITV, Watford v. Manchester United, is off as well and will be replaced by a comedy-thriller, The Silver Streak.

But there is nothing funny — particularly for the smaller clubs — about the freeze as the cashflow becomes thinner. Chelsea have laid out £10,000 on covering their Stamford pitch to put on the only match within 90 miles of London.

Chelsea hope to be rewarded with a bumper crowd for the visit of Arsenal to repay their efforts in laying plastic sheeting and keeping industrial heaters on full blast. Yesterday afternoon a referee gave the all clear, but there will be an early-morning inspection as a final precaution. Chelsea expect the game to go on with a 2pm kick-off to beat the late-afternoon freeze.

LUTON TOWN are beating the freeze by flying to play the Reykjavik All Stars tomorrow in Iceland, which has been enjoying a veritable heatwave with temperatures at least one or two degrees above freezing. Meanwhile, Nottingham Forest are going to the Canaries and Aston Villa are visiting Bermuda.

Chelsea have no injury problems and could stick with the side that drew 2-2 with Wigan in the FA Cup on January 5, their last match. Arsenal's left-back Sansom, who has missed four of their last five games with a groin infury, is in a squad of 14.

The undersoil heating at Liverpool and Coventry has safeguarded two other First Division games, barring freak overnight weather. The faltering champions are hoping that their central defender Lawrenson, who suffered a recurrence of a hamstring injury during the midweek Supercup defeat in Turin, will have recovered. It was feared he would be out for weeks, but the injury is not as bad as was thought. Gillespie will deputise if necessary and Dalglish, suspended for Wednesday's match, returns in place of Walsh.

Norwich are in the unusual position of being above Liverpool at the moment. Their captain, Watson, out for at least two weeks with a knee injury, was replaced by Van Wyk in the midweek Milk Cup win at Grimsby but now he in turn is doubtful with a groin strain. Devine stands by after playing only two games in the past 12 weeks while the club have enjoyed a successful run.

Coventry are likely to be unchanged for this visit of Aston Villa. Gibson, who has scored five goals in three matches, including the winner against Manchester United last week, should have recovereh from an ankle injury.

The home team are only one rung from the relegation zone and Villa, not far above them, have defensive problems. The manager Graham Turner gives League debuts to two young defenders 19-year-old David Norton and Dean Glover, 21.

They replace the suspended Williams and the captain Evans, again ruled out with a fractured cheekbone. The striker Rideout has a thigh strain. Six and Kerr stand by.

In the Second Division Manchester City's pitch protection means they will put heat on the three clubs above them if they beat Wimbledon. City have lost only one of the last 13 games and are unchanged for the fifth successive League match. The central defender McNaught plays the last game of his month's loan period from West Bromwich but City's manager Billy McNeill hopes to extend it as he has no money to buy him outright.

ATHLETICS

John Rodda in Paris

Lattany left at the gun

SIGNS OF unfamiliarity, and at this level of competition, unfitness, abounded on the opening day of the World Indoor Games in Paris. Even Marita Koch of East Germany, who missed the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and was making her first international appearance for a long time, did not show the sharpness you would expect in her first 200 metres appearance.

More costly was the poor start which Mel Lattany of the United States produced in the 60 metres. Errors in that part of this race can rarely be corrected so one of America's leading sprinters was squeezed out of the competition in fourth place. He is due to run in the UK National Championships next weekend at Cosford, so there will be time to sharpen his reactions to the starter's pistol, which on this occasion seemed sluggish.

The British contingent had an encouraging start, with Cameron Sharp and Lincoln Asquith both going into the final six with third places in their respective semi-finals in identical times, 6.66sec.

Ronald Desruelles of Belgium, who was disqualified in the Cosford Games 60 metres after two false starts, won his semi-final in 6.62sec.

In the 400 metres Todd Bennett was easily the fastest first-round winner with 47.19 sec in spite of slowing with a big lead at the end of a neat, economically-run race. Phil Brown was less positive in his first race, showing his usual early languid approach, but when he concentrated he quickly reached the safety of second place in 47.60sec.

There were no British in the women's 60 metres hurdles final. Wendy Jeal was squeezed out of the final qualifying place in her heat by Etephanie Hightower, who narrowly missed the American team for the Los Angeles Games. Judy Simpson, the heptathlon competitor, was fourth in her semi-final too.

The optimism of the organisers did not last long. Between the technical meeting on Thursday evening and the start of competition in mid-afternoon yesterday a lot of athletes must have changed their minds about competing, since four events in the women's competition, the 400 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres, drew only sufficient competitors for a single race.

MEN

60m First Semi-finals: 1, R. Desruelles (Bel), 6.62; 2, S. Graddy (US), 6.65; 3, L. Asquith (GB), 6.66. Second Semi-final: 1, B. M. Rose (Fr), 6.62; 2, B. Johnson (Can), 6.66; 3, C. Sharp (GL), 6.66.

2-km Walk: 1, J. Salce (It), 12min 53.42sec; 2, Hong Yan (Ch), 13:05.56; 3, A. Peel (Can), 13:06.97.

WOMEN

Long Jump: 1, N. Radke (E Ger), 6.88m; 2, T. Radtsovna (USSR), 6.72; 3, N. Medvedeva (USSR), 6.44.

Shot: 1, N. Lisovskaya (USSR), 20.07m; 2, I. Mueller (E Ger), 19.66; 3, N. Abashidze (USSR), 18.82.

60m Hurdles: First Semi-Final: 1, A. Piquereau (Fr), 8.00. Non-qualifier: W. Jeal (GB), 8.37. Second Semi-Final: 1, K. Sisko (Hun), 8.00. Non-qualifier: 4, J. Simpson (GB), 8.46.



NOT SO HOT . . . but Marita Koch won her 200 metres heat in 23.53 sec

RESULTS

Boxing

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL (Dundee) — England beat Scotland 7-5. Details (Scottish names first)—Lightfly.—D. Docherty beat P. Lally. Fly.—P. Clinton beat M. Smith. Bantam.—E. H. Dunne lost to S. Murphy. Feather.—J. Rennie beat P. English; A. Craig lost to P. Moylett. Light.—P. Munro lost to C. Crook. Lightwelter.—J. Pender lost to D. Miller. Welter.—H. Mullen lost to F. Harding. Lightmiddle.—A. Mullen beat R. Douglas. Middle.—A. McCulloch lost to G. Christie. Lightheight.—S. Williams lost to J. Moran. Heavy.—D. Young beat M. Burge.

Cricket

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

NEWCASTLE: Tasmania (first innings) 408 for 8 dec (S. Saunders 107, K. Bingshaw 78; Marks 4 for 83). New South Wales (first innings) 215 for 2 (D. Wellham 98 not out, J. Dyson 87).

ADELAIDE. — Victoria (first innings) 197 (Zesers 5 for 51). South Australia (first innings) 227 for 7 (D. Kelly 72).

PERTH. — Queensland (first innings) 310 (W. Bardet 135; Alderman 4 for 102. Reid 4 for 88). Western Australia (first innings) 204 for 6 (M. McPhee 67).

Tennis

VIRGINIA SLIMS TOURNAMENT (Denver). — Women's Singles, Quarter finals (US unless stated): P. Lavin beat S. Walsh 6-3, 6-1; L. Savchenko (USSR) beat R. White 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; G. Sabatini (Arg) beat M. L. Piatek 6-1, 6-1; Z. Garrison beat L. S. Short 6-3, 7-5.

Women's Doubles: L. Allen and Walsh beat C. Monteiro (Bra) and V. Vermaak (SA) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; Piatek and White beat S. Amlach (Fra) and B. Gerken 7-6, 6-3; Garrison and L. McNeil beat V. Nelson and P. Vasquez (Per.) 6-2, 6-2.

DAVIS CUP. — Eastern Zone: Malaysia 0, Philippines 2; Taiwan 2, Sri Lanka 0; Singapore 1, Hong Kong 1.

KING'S CUP. — Second Division: Finland 2, Austria 1.

Skiing

NORDIC WORLD CH'SHIPS (Seefeld, Austria) — Men's cross country (30k).—1, Gunda Svan (Swe) 1hr 18min 24.1sec; 2, Ove Aunli (Nor) 1-18-49.1; 3, Marrius Kivesteni (Fin) 1-19-00.2. British placings: 50, N. Dixon 1-29-40; 60, M. Moore 1-33-46; 61, M. Watkins 1-35-47.

Golf

PHOENIX OPEN (Arizona). — Leading scores (US unless stated): 65—C. Peete; 66—I. Aoki (Jap), M. Blackmar; 67—M. Faldo (GB), G. Koch, R. Sleek, D. Tewell, J. Thomsen; 68—I. Irvine, T. Purtzer, J. Maltsfley, T. C. Chen (Tai), C. Archer, J. Inman. Other scores included: 69—S. Lyle (GB); 70—B. Langer (WG); 71—P. Oosterhuis (GB); 74—K. Brown (GB).

SOUTH AFRICAN PGA TOURNAMENT (Johannesburg). — Leading scores (SA unless stated): 137, D. Wilson 65, 66; 139, A. Henning 68, 64; 133, H. Baiocchi 68, 65; J. Bland 68, 65; 134, H. Mahonson (US) 68, 66; 136, M. McNulty 66, 70; S. Hobday 69, 67; J. Mannie 68, 68; M. Pyne 71, 65; J. Ferenz (US) 64, 72; 137, J. Fourie 70, 67; M. James (GB) 71, 66; M. Johnson (GB) 68, 69; P. Way (GB) 66, 69; D. Sano (US) 66, 71; P. Dunstan (GB) 68, 69; B. Kamm (US) 67, 70; 139, D. Feherty (Ire) 68, 70; R. Cole 67, 71; W. Westner 69, 69; S. Bennett (GB) 70, 68.

Table Tennis

WELSH OPEN (Cardiff). — Men's Singles, First Round: J. Bogan (Isr) beat C. Preen (Eng) 21-11, 22-20, 22-20; S. Andrew (Eng) beat J. Harkmann (Den) 20-22, 22-20, 21-23, 21-14, 21-18; P. Persson (Swe) beat D. Wells (Eng) 21-12, 21-14; A. Mazunov (USSR) beat N. Thomas (Wales) 21-10, 21-17, 21-12; M. Pinkun (Eng) beat A. Cook (Eng) 21-17, 17-21, 21-19, 14-21, 21-17; Fan Bauzhang (Ch) beat N. Mason (Eng) 18-21, 21-11, 21-16, 18-21, 22-20; J. Sarke (Bel) beat M. Thomas (Wal) 16-21, 21-14, 14-21, 21-15, 21-17; J. Trenkwal (W Ger) beat K. Satchell (Eng) 15-21, 21-13, 19-21, 21-16, 21-16.

D. Douglas (Eng) beat J. Monnessan (Fra) 21-10, 21-9, 18-21, 21-12; A. Gerkina (Pol) beat D. Dodds (Eng) 21-6, 21-8, 21-17; L. Solomyr (USSR) beat K. Sandley (Eng) 17-21, 21-18, 21-15, 14-21, 21-14; A. Griffiths (Wal) beat O. Polac (Isr) 21-12, 21-17, 19-21, 19-21, 21-18; S. Bengtsson (Swe) beat D. Hannah (Scot) 21-16, 21-14, 21-13; J. Sandley (Eng) beat N. Tyley (Wal) 19-21, 19-21, 21-12, 22-13, 21-16; A. Shershenko (USSR) beat J. Hilton (Eng) 17-21, 13-21, 23-21, 21-17, 21-13.

Second round: Andrew beat Bogan 21-10, 21-17, 17-21, 21-17.

Women's Singles, First Round: S. Wenzel (W Ger) beat L. Bellfloger (Eng) 21-17, 21-15, 21-9; J. Lundqvist (Swe) beat T. Mach (Can) 21-16, 14-21, 21-19, 23-21; A. Gordon (Eng) beat B. Thiriet (Fr) 13-21, 15-21, 21-13, 21-17, 21-15; F. Elliott (Eng) beat J. Bjork (Swe) 21-19, 21-16, 21-16; K. Witt (Eng) beat R. Diachenko (USSR) 21-16, 21-23, 21-18, 18-21, 21-17.

Second Round: Han Yao beat Grundy 21-14, 21-16, 21-10; Kaytan beat Gordon 22-20, 21-13, 17-21, 21-19; Liu Wei beat Elliott 21-14, 21-18, 21-19; Darland beat Witt 19-21, 21-19, 15-21, 21-12, 21-16.

Badminton

TAIPEI MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Taiwan). — Men's Singles, Second Round (results included): S. Buddsley (Eng) beat M. Christiansen (Den), 15-9, 15-3; N. Yates (Eng) beat E. Kurniawan (Indo), 15-6, 15-10, 15-14; rel. Women's Singles Second Round: H. Tredo (Eng) beat Kho Mei Hwa (Indon), 11-8, 11-0; K. Beckgaard (Eng) beat C. Blackhouse (Can), 11-7, 11-5.

Squash Rackets

AMERICAN EXPRESS FIVE COUNTIES LEAGUE. — First Division: Swinton 2, Stockport 3; Grove Park 2, West Lancs 3; Liverpool Cricket 3, Queens Mill 2; Marple 0, Bamford 5; Carriages 0, Manchester Northern 5.

Snooker

ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP. — Second Round: J. Crompton (Bolton) 4, J. Hogan (Manchester) 2.

DULUX BRITISH OPEN—First Round — Connaught Club.—T. Knowles (Bolton) beat D. French (Bolton) 5-2; R. Fields (Perivale) beat J. Hargreaves (Manchester) 5-1. Chesterfield.—S. Davis (Romford) beat T. Chappel (Swansea) 5-0; Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) beat G. Scott (Liverpool) 5-2.

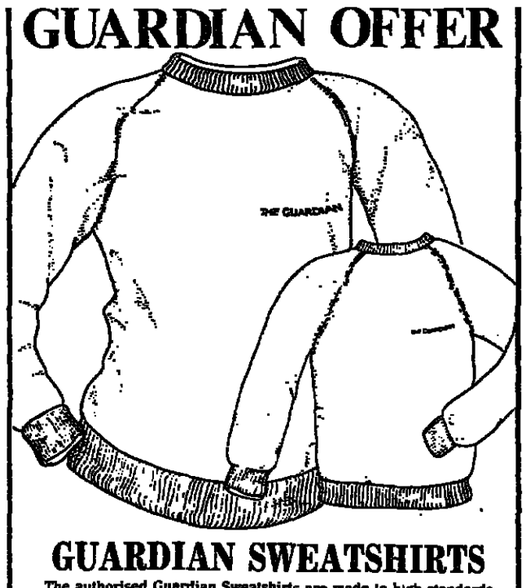
Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. — Detroit 105, New York 89; San Antonio 143, Kansas City 130; Chicago 98, Cleveland 93.

CROSS COUNTRY: Steve Cram and Mike McLeod hope to lead the North-east counties to their first win in the Brooks inter counties championships at Leicester today. Cram, the 1500 metres World champion and Olympic silver medallist, is in superb form, having won a six miles road race last week. McLeod, Olympic 10,000 metres runner-up, is using this race to try to win selection for the England World championship team in March.

BOXING: England beat Scotland 7-5 in the amateur international in Dundee.

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Dougan resigns amid Wolves split

The boardroom split at Wolverhampton Wanderers, struggling near the bottom of the Second Division, came out into the open yesterday when the resignation of the chairman Derek Dougan, the former playing idol of the Molineux terraces, was accepted along with that of his one directorial ally, John Starkey.

Starkey was the chief executive of Allied Properties, the owners of Wolves. Allied are themselves owned by the Anglo-Pakistani Bhatti brothers and Starkey has resigned from Allied as well.

The company are becoming increasingly worried about their £2.3 million investment in the club and its property because, since they took over 2½ years ago, they have yet to get planning permission for any development. Dougan fronted their takeover and was regarded as the saviour of "105 years of history."

Dougan was stripped of executive powers in the summer and had not been involved in recent meetings concerning the club. He had lost support of Allied and the other directors, apart from Starkey, who recently backed him only to have the Bhattis issue a statement dissociating themselves from that backing.

Yesterday the club's chief executive, Eric Woodward, said that the club's administration would remain with him and that he would be aided by the two locally based vice-chairmes, Doug Hope and Roger Hipkiss. No board meeting is planned until next week.

Woodward's statement added that the board wished to emphasise that the owners are not presently in negotiations with any parties to sell out.

This counters claims by the former Southend chairman Andrew McHutcheon, barred from holding any football office, that he is negotiating a £5 million takeover for Wolves on behalf of a group of West Midlands businessmen. McHutcheon is a financial consultant.

Charles Burgess

French pack power

Rob Cunningham, the Bath hooker who captains the Scotland B team against France at Murrayfield today, has impressed on his players that this will be a tougher test than the game they lost narrowly to Ireland last month.

The French are fielding a powerful pack, with a particularly strong front row that will test to the full Cunningham and his two young props, David Sole, and Ronnie Nichol.

"If we can hold them in the scrums," said Cunningham, "then we should make make a good game of it, particularly as we now have five players in forwards who are 6ft or over."

The introduction of Hugh Parker, the 6ft 4 lock and the transference of Derek Turnbull to his more accustomed wing forward position should provide a better balance, although there is some doubt about the fitness of the other lock, Iain McKie.

Donald Stewart

Richard Jago in Taiwan

Yates survives marathon

BADMINTON

An official protest, a collapsed opponent and a disqualification were the extraordinary circumstances in which Nick Yates reached the last 16 of the second Pro-Kennex World GP tournaments, the Taipei Masters in Taiwan, yesterday.

Yates was awarded victory against Eddy Kurniaawn of Indonesia, while standing match point down at 13-13 in the final game of a bizarre and brutal match of an hour and a half. This had started to take its toll of Kurniawan at 10-8 in the final game when he began to hobble and crouch down with cramp for several seconds between rallies. By the time he had reached his first two match points at 14-9 the intervals had grown unacceptably longer, and at 14-11 he rolled over and the match looked ended.

But none of it. A doctor, a nurse and a clutch of officials came quickly to his aid, the umpire stared blankly from his chair and no decisions other than that to strap the Indonesian's thigh were taken. He resumed after six minutes despite a protest by England.

Yates had to save a third match point with the stadium screaming throughout a 30-stroke rally at 13-14. By the end of that Kurniawan was on the floor again in agony and, thankfully, the Taiwanese referee at last saw fit to intervene.

'Marino can throw 49ers

Mark Tran in Washington on the strong men and weak links in tomorrow's Superbowl

LIKE FA CUP Finals, the Superbowl often fails to live up to expectations. Last year for example the Washington Redskins, Superbowl holders partied themselves silly and were trounced by the bad boys of American football, the Los Angeles Raiders, 38-9. The Raiders' insignia on their helmets is a pirate with a patch over one eye and they treat their opponents like booty.

The Raiders did not make it this year but the West Coast will be represented once more, this time by the San Francisco 49ers, facing them will be the Miami Dolphins.

The clash of these two teams, who towered over the rest of their opponents, is a relishable prospect.

Interest is so keen that a new gambling record is certain to be set. The gambling dens in Las Vegas think $35 million will be wagered on the outcome, with the 49ers favoured to win. A more balanced team, they can score points either by passing or running.

Miami will do what they do best: throw the ball. The Dolphins' quarterback, Dan Marino, is having the kind of year that comes along once in a decade. He has broken all sorts of records in only his third season. At times, it seems the only way to stop Marino's guided missile passes is to set up a Star Wars system over your half of the field.

Marino has been so dominant that Miami's running back, Tony Nathan, rarely gains a mention these days. His main claim to fame in the run-up to the Superbowl was to lose the Miami playbook which contained the Dolphins' detailed tactics and strategy for tomorrow's game.

The 49ers' quarterback, Joe Montana, is no slouch himself and was probably the season's second best quarterback. He does not go for the spectacular deep passes of Marino, but sprays short passes to his receivers and marches his team steadily upfield into the opponents' end zone.

Montana has a particularly fine understanding with his favourite receiver Dwight Clark. It is a partnership that has wreaked havoc with defences. And if the opposing team try to double-team Clark—put two men on him instead of one—Montana can find the excellent hands of Freddie Solomon and Roger Craig.

San Francisco also have the better running back in Wendell Tyler. He is more effective than Nathan—provided he does not fumble the ball. Tyler can eat up the yards but will let the ball pop out of his hands now and again.

Another key difference between the two teams is the kickers. These are the men who try to score through field goals — as in rugby — when a drive falls short.

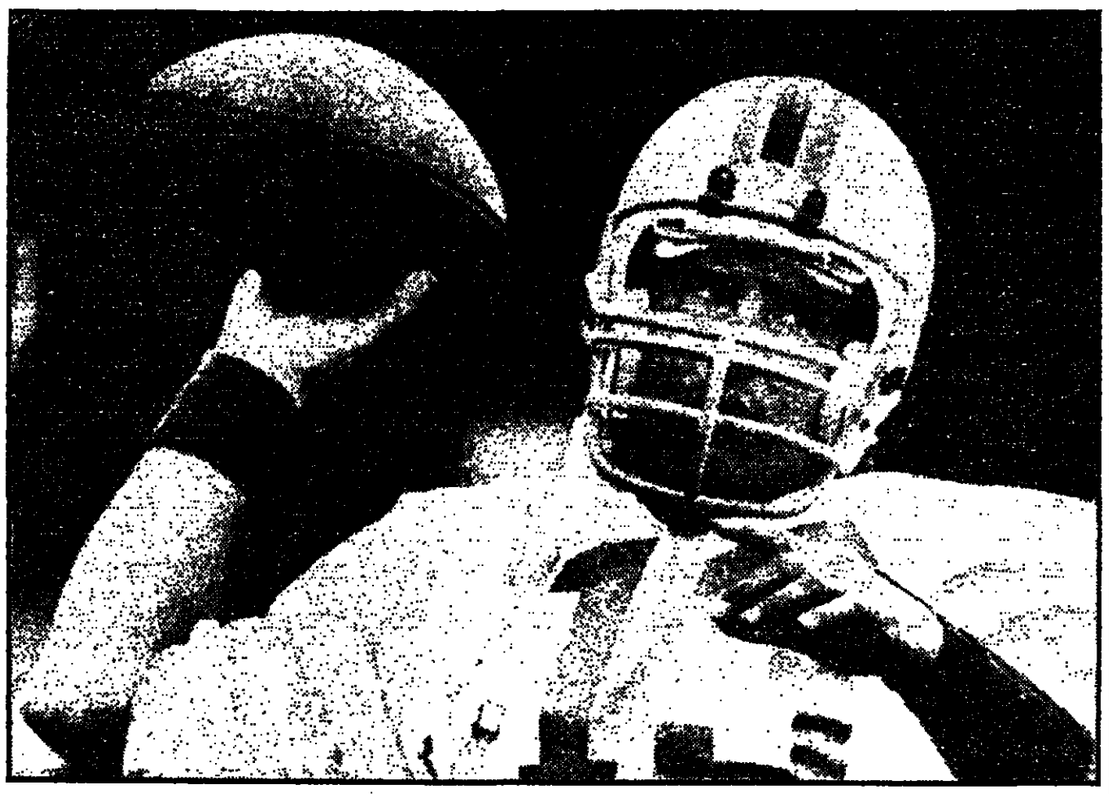
If the game is close the goal-kicker could make the difference, and here the 49ers are streets ahead. The Dolphins' Uwe von Schamann is having a nightmare season. As someone put it, he couldn't kick the ball in the ocean from a long pier.

By contrast, San Francisco's kicker, Ray Wersching, is the leading field scorer in his league. Wersching sympathises with his fellow kicker. "We got to be good friends last summer, and I feel for him. I wish him well — but not right away."

The 49ers' style is to score early and then sit back and let their very competent defensive team hold off the opposition. Provided Miami can withstand the initial onslaught, they should be well placed. Marino is so good that sooner or later he's going to drill the ball down the 49ers' throat.

Mind you, the Dolphins were the fast starters in their conference-final game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. They scored early and romped home 45-28. The 49ers had to wait a while before wearing down the Chicago Bears 23-0.

A disgruntled Bears fan, looking forward to tomorrow's game, said, "They're two skilled teams with the two best coaches in football. It should be a great game."



MISSILE LAUNCHER: Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins will aim to destroy San Francisco tomorrow

Janet Ruff on the lessons of Crystal Palace

Bronze brightens indoor image

HOCKEY

THE BRONZE medal achieved by England in the European women's indoor championships at Crystal Palace, moved them up one place in the rankings since 1981 and gives a welcome impetus to a game long regarded as a Cinderella adjunct to the outdoor variety.

The indoor game does not get the recognition it deserves. But it stands on its own merits, offering valuable skills, and requiring great discipline and commitment.

Feelings that indoor hockey is a usurper, intruding on established fixture schedules and in playing terms is damaging to the outdoor game, are gradually being overcome.

The restructuring of the 1985/6 fixture list gives greater prominence to the indoor game in the heart of the season, with national club and county finals brought forward three months.

The preliminary stages of these competitions will now take place in the worst winter months. And if a proper close season could be established with clubs and counties playing a full part, the international indoor game would soon benefit.

Playing progress has to some extent been retarded by many of the better outdoor players choosing not to mix the disciplines. At Crystal Palace, England fielded only two of last year's outdoor internationals — Karen Brown and Linda Carr. In contrast West Germany the indoor gold medalists, fielded seven of their outdoor Olympic team, and silver medallists Netherlands, five Olympians.

Given the speed of the indoor game, England's bronze, captured by a team mainly of seasoned internationals, with only one under 21, was a great achievement. The Netherlands fielded five of the junior age group, West Germany four. On the last day, when England were a very tired outfit, their Continental rivals battled out the final with no loss of pace or skill.

England must also decide whether they can afford not to have the services of the indoor coach, Carl Ward, at their fixtures. Ward is also coach to the England men's indoor squad, and at both the Home Countries tournamnent and the European he was largely committed to them.

The situation of Ward, under whose direction England have made important progress, is a difficult one, but it was apparent to all at Crystal Palace that the coach's presence is essential. Gijs van Heumen and Hans Strodter, of the Netherlands and West Germany respectively, are an integral part of their teams, making instant decisions on personnel—sometimes taking five players off at once—and through the substitutions and re-introductions, controlling on-court strategy.

It is virtually impossible in such an intense and free-flowing game for the players to make tactical assessments themselves. At international level it would be foolhardy.

England's administrators cannot afford to fudge this coaching issue. If Ward's undoubted ability is essential to both England's men and women, the appointment of an assistant must be a priority.

Edward Kennedy

Dickinson back to fire Leeds

RUGBY LEAGUE

For the third successive week, tomorrow's programme seems almost certain to be spoiled by the weather. Underground heating, however, will preserve the matches at Headingley and Elland Road between Leeds and Halifax and Hunslet and Warrington.

The Leeds match has been switched from Thrum Hall to the mutual pleasure of both clubs; Leeds want to continue their challenge for a top-four place and Halifax are eager to play after an enforced break since New Year's Day.

Leeds, fifth in the League table will have the advantage in sharpness that regular rugby brings while the return of Roy Dickinson, after missing two matches with a leg injury, adds strength and weight to the front row. His understanding with David Ward, the captain and hooker, should also provide valuable possession at the scrums. With John Holmes being rested, Neal Hague returns as stand-off, hoping, no doubt, to provide the sort of service that the impressive three-quarters deserve.

Eric Grothe, Leeds's Australian international right wing, must be wondering if his journey from Sydney has been really necessary. After scoring three tries since his first match against Leigh, he has not had a running chance in his last two appearances. He must be wondering too, if long periods of inaction in freezing conditions are a peculiar form of English torture.

Leeds will need to move the ball wide for Halifax, with their nine Australians, rarely concede ground in midfield, but lack pace on the wings. Chris Anderson, their player-coach, has made some interesting changes, notably by moving Ron Ryan, from stand-off to left centre and Tony Anderson from the centre to the wing to mark Grothe.

The idea is to tighten up the strength in the three-quarters, but moving Ryan breaks up the outstanding combination he has established with Michael Hagen at scrum half and Paul Langmack at loose forward. Bob Hudson, brought in from the wing to partner Hagen, appears to be playing an experimental role, a chancy business against Leeds.

Anderson, who leads by bustling example in the centre, can easily make positional changes if things do not work out. Leeds are unlikely to be accommodating in this event and, if they make better use of Grothe and elusive Neal Hunt, his Parramatta club-mate on the left wing, should win.

Hunslet scored only their third League win of the season when they beat Leigh last week, but even they would have to admit that the opposition was poor. Warrington are unlikely to allow John Wolford, the ageless loose forward, the freedom he enjoyed to create havoc against Leigh.

They have their problems — right wing Brian Carbert and back row forward Gregory — and there is a doubt about centre John Bevan with a knee injury. Even so, Warrington should win narrowly.

Wigan, who are due to visit Bradford Northern, are going to Blackpool today to train on the sands.

Faldo off to good start

GOLF

Nick Faldo was one of five players who shot a first-round 67, four under par, to be two shots behind the leader, Calvin Peete, in the Phoenix Open. Faldo had five birdies and only one bogey. "I'm pleased to be in this position on the first day of my first tournament this year," he said. Other Britons were not so fortunate; Peter Oosterhuis shot 71 asd Ken Brown 74.

Meanwhile, Britain's boys will compete for the first time this year for a home international trophy. England's match against Scotland, which has been played annually since 1923, will be held on August 8 at Gullane. But this time, the winners will go forward to meet the victors of Wales v. Ireland, who clash on the same day. The two winners will play on August 9 for a new trophy presented by the Royal and Ancient.

Australians' four-day wanders

Ian Ridley on this summer's cricket fixtures



GOWER: Likely to lead England against Australia

GOOD NEWS for all those shivering in Scarborough or freezing at ice station Arundel: the cricket season is only three months away. An even colder snap, however, is expected around April 20. Having recently inflicted their rugby team upon us, the Australians are returning, ostensibly to defend the Ashes but more probably to undermine the fabric of cricket as we know it.

There will be four-day matches in this country for the first time since 1947. Between 1906 and that year, the extra day was added because fading light in September meant an earlier close of play. Those who have advocated four-day play in the County Championship will be watching closely.

The Australians, who play over four days in the Sheffield Shield, themselves requested the experiment. Eight of their 15 matches with the counties — against Sussex, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Hampshire, Essex, Northamptonshire, Middlesex and Kent — will be extended to run from Saturday to Tuesday. They should attract good crowds at the weekends, though for domestic use the system would have to be adapted to accommodate that golden goose, the John Player League.

Arundel seems to have replaced Worcester as the traditional starting point. The Australians play Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI there on May 5 then go to Taunton to play Somerset, where they will renew acquaintance with two of their winter tormentors, Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

The first of three one-day internationals begins on May 30 at Old Trafford, the first of the six Tests at Headingley on June 13. The tour also takes the Australians to Downpatrick in Ireland and Neath in Wales, provided — no jokes please — that Glamorgan do not reach the Benson and Hedges Cup final on July 20. It is the first time Neath will have staged a first-class match since 1974, a coup attained, Milton Keynes-style, with local development corporation money.

The nearest the Australians come to Scotland is Jesmond, where they face the Minor Counties. Zimbabwe, who play 15 matches over here in June and July as they build for their defence of the ICC Trophy next year, play at Coatbridge, however, as well as in Wales. They will also sample the delights of Aldershot just like Bulawayo really and Cleethorpes.

The Universities take guard on April 20 with MCC playing the champion county, Essex, four days later. On April 27, the first round of the Championship begins with, ironically and intriguingly, Nottinghamshire facing Somerset at Taunton, the ground where they narrowly failed to win the title in the final match of last season.

Two new venues appear: Lytham St Annes replaces Blackpool because Lancashire were miffed that Stanley Park staged a benefit for Boycott and Botham last year, while Derbyshire go to Bob Taylorland for a John Player League match at Knypersley, near Stoke-on-Trent. The NatWest Trophy final is on September 7, and the curtain comes down 10 days later.



BORDER. Set to captain Australia

APRIL

28 FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v. Essex.
The Parks: Oxford University v Somerset.
24 FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Lord's: MCC v Essex.
Fenner's: Cambridge University v. Nottinghamshire.
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan.
27 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire.
*Chelmsford: Essex v Warwickshire.
*Southampton: Hampshire v Kent.
*Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire.
*Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire.
*The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan.
OTHER MATCH
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Gloucestershire.

MAY

1 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v. Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex.
Taunton: Somerset v. Glamorgan.
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v. Middlesex.
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire.
4 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Hampshire.
Hastings: Yorkshire v Middlesex.
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Cheltenham: Essex v. Sussex.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent.
Bristol: Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Combined Universities.
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.
Aberdeen (Mannofield): Scotland v. Derbyshire.
Shrewsbury: Minor Counties v. Somerset.
5 TOUR MATCH
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v. Australians (one day)
JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v. Sussex.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent.
Bristol: Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Hampshire.
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Somerset.
Bradford: Yorkshire v Middlesex.
8 TOUR MATCH
Taunton, Somerset v. Australians.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Leicester: Leicestershire v. Derbyshire
Lord's, Middlesex v. Kent.
The Oval: Surrey v. Lancashire.
Edgbaston, Warwickshire v. Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Gloucestershire.
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Sussex.
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire.
11 TOUR MATCH
*Worcester Worcestershire v Australians.
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Minor Counties.
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire.
Leicester: Leicestershire v. Yorkshire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Gloucestershire.
Hove: Sussex v. Surrey.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Lancashire.
Fenner's: Combined Universities v. Middlesex.
Glasgow (Titwood): Scotland v. Nottinghamshire.
12 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire.
Canterbury: Kent v. Hampshire.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v. Gloucestershire.
Taunton, Somerset v. Glamorgan.
Hove: Sussex v Surrey.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Lancashire.
14 TOUR MATCH
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Australians (one day).
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire.
Bristol: Gloucestershire v. Scotland.
Southampton, Hampshire v. Glamorgan.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v. Worcestershire.
Taunton: Somerset v. Kent.
The Oval: Surrey v. Essex.
Hove: Sussex v. Middlesex.
16 TOUR MATCH
The Oval: Surrey v. Australians (one day).
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Southampton: Hampshire v. Somerset.
Canterbury: Kent v. Minor Counties.
Lord's: Middlesex v. Essex.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Scotland.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Derbyshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Lancashire.
Headingley: Yorkshire v. Warwickshire.
The Parks: Combined Universities v. Sussex.
18 TOUR MATCH
*Hove: Sussex v. Australians (Four days).
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v. Gloucestershire.
Chelmsford: Essex v. Combined Universities.
Lord's: Middlesex v. Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Northamptonshire.
Taunton: Somerset v. Glamorgan.
19 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v. Glamorgan.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Kent.
Hove: Sussex v. Yorkshire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Somerset.
Bradford: Yorkshire v Minor Counties v. Hampshire.
Reading: Minor Counties v. Hampshire.
20 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v. Sussex.
Canterbury: Kent v. Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Bradford: Yorkshire v Worcestershire.
Reading: Minor Counties v. Hampshire.
22 TOUR MATCH
Lord's: MCC v Australians.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v. Lancashire.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex.
Leicester: Leicestershire v. Nottinghamshire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Kent.
Taunton: Somerset v. Kent.
Hove: Sussex v. Gloucestershire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Surrey.
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Essex.
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Worcestershire
25 TOUR MATCH
*Derby: Derbyshire v Australians (Four days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset.
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex.
The Oval: Surrey v. Essex.
*Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
25 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Kent.
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Glamorgan.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.
The Oval: Surrey v Essex.
29 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Derbyshire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Warwickshire.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex.
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan.
Headingley: Yorkshire v Somerset.
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Kent.
30 TEXACO TROPHY
Old Trafford: England v Australia (first one-day international).

JUNE

1 TEXACO TROPHY
Edgbaston: England v. Australia (second one-day international)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v. Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v. Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v. Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v. Warwickshire.
Hove: Sussex v. Surrey.
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v. Hampshire.
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v. Lancashire
2 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire.
Chelmsford: Essex v. Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v. Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Lancashire.
Taunton: Somerset v. Warwickshire.
Horsham: Sussex v. Nottinghamshire.
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v. Hampshire.
3 TEXACO TROPHY
Lords: England v. Australia (third one-day international).
5 TOUR MATCH
Headingley: Yorkshire v Australians (or Warwickshire or Lancashire depending on Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals).
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals
6 TOUR MATCHES:
Leicester: Leicestershire v. Australians (four days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilford: Essex v. Lancashire.
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v. Worcestershire.
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Nottinghamshire.
Lords: Middlesex v. Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex.
Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire.
OTHER MATCH
Fenners: Cambridge University v Surrey.
9 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Ilford: Essex v. Lancashire.
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Lords: Middlesex v. Derbyshire.
Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Sussex.
12 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derbyshire v Sussex.
Ilford: Essex v Northamptonshire.
Bournemouth: Hampshire v. Middlesex.
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v. Warwickshire.
Hinckley: Leicestershire v Warwickshire.
Bath: Somerset v Lancashire.
The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire.
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Worcestershire.
The Parks: Oxford University v Yorkshire.
TOUR MATCH
Worcester: Worcestershire II v. Zimbabwe (two days)
13 PRINCE OF WALES TEST MATCH
HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA.
14 TOUR MATCH
Aldershot: Combined Services v Zimbabwe (one day)
15 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Essex.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Kent.
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey.
OTHER MATCHES
The Parks: Oxford University v Warwickshire
Fenner's: Cambridge University v MCC
16 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Swansea: Glamorgan v Essex.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent.
Bath: Somerset v Yorkshire.
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey.
17 TOUR MATCH
Taunton: Somerset v. Zimbabwe (one-day).
19 BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Semi-finals
TOUR MATCH
First-Class county not in Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals v. Zimbabwe.
OTHER MATCH
Harrogate: Tilcon Trophy.
20 TOUR MATCH
Fenner's: Combined Universities v. Australians (one day).
OTHER MATCH
Harrogate: Tilcon Trophy.
21 OTHER MATCH
Harrogate: Tilcon Trophy (final).
22 TOUR MATCHES
*Southampton: Hampshire v. Australians (four days).
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Zimbabwe.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v. Sussex.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Kent.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Essex.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Middlesex.
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset.
*Harrogate: Yorkshire v. Worcestershire.
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v. MCC.
23 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Bristol: Gloucestershire v. Sussex.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan.
Luton: Northamptonshire v Essex.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Middlesex.
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset.
26 TOUR MATCH
Coatbridge: Scotland v Zimbabwe.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v. Nottinghamshire.
Chelmsford: Essex v. Kent.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v. Somerset.
Bristol: Gloucestershire v. Hampshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Warwickshire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Surrey.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Middlesex.
Bradford: Yorkshire v. Leicestershire.
27 SECOND TEST MATCH
LORD'S: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
28 TOUR MATCH
Cleethorpes: Minor Counties v. Zimbabwe.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v. Glamorgan.
Southampton: Hampshire v. Essex.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
*Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Gloucestershire.
Hastings: Sussex v. Lancashire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Yorkshire.
OTHER MATCH
Taunton: Somerset v. Cambridge University
30 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Bournemouth: Hampshire v. Essex.
Canterbury: Kent v. Middlesex.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey.
Hastings: Sussex v. Lancashire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Yorkshire.

JULY

3 NATWEST TROPHY, first round
Luton (Wardown Park): Bedfordshire v. Gloucestershire.
Birkenhead (Oxton): Cheshire v Yorkshire.
Derby: Derbyshire v Durham
Chelmsford: Essex v Oxfordshire.
Southampton: Hampshire v Berkshire
Hitchin: Hertfordshire v Worcestershire.
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Cumberland.
Norwich: Norfolk v Leicestershire.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Staffordshire
Edinburgh (Myreside): Scotland v. Glamorgan
Telford (St Georges): Shropshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Buckinghamshire.
Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Lancashire.
Hove: Sussex v Ireland.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Devon
UNIVERSITY MATCH
Lord's: Oxford v. Cambridge.
6 TOUR MATCHES
Chelmsford, Essex v. Australians (Four days).
Venue undecided: Wales v. Zimbabwe.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire.
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire.
Liverpool: Lancashire v Hampshire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Middlesex.
Taunton: Somerset v Leicestershire.
The Oval: Surrey v Kent.
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Derbyshire.
7 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Knypersley: Derbyshire v Worcestershire.
Swansea: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire.
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Hampshire.
Tring: Northamptonshire v Middlesex.
Taunton, Somerset v. Leicestershire.
The Oval: Surrey v Kent.
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire.
10 TOUR MATCH
Venue undecided: League Cricket Conference v. Zimbabwe (two or three days).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Somerset.
Swansea: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v. Worcestershire.
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex.
Maidstone: Kent v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire.
11 TEST MATCH
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA.
13 TOUR MATCH
Hove: Sussex v. Zimbabwe (one day).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire.
Southend: Essex v Gloucestershire
Portsmouth, Hampshire v. Worcestershire.
Maidstone: Kent v Northamptonshire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan.
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Nuneaton: Warwickshire v. Nottinghamshire.
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Surrey.
14 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Southend: Essex v Gloucestershire.
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Worcestershire.
Maidstone: Kent v Northamptonshire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan.
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Hull or Bradford: Yorkshire v Surrey.
TOUR MATCH
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v. Zimbabwe (one day).
17 TOUR MATCH
Venue: Undecided: Kent or Surrey v. Zimbabwe
NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Bedford or Bristol: Bedfordshire or Gloucestershire v. Shropshire or Northamptonshire.
Birkenhead or Headingley: Cheshire or Yorkshire v. Somerset or Buckinghamshire
Chelmsford or venue undecided: Essex or Oxfordshire v. Middlesex or Cumberland.
Southampton or Reading: Hampshire or Berkshire v Norfolk or Leicestershire.
Canterbury or The Oval: Kent or Surrey v. Derbyshire or Durham
Trent Bridge or venue undecided: Nottinghamshire or Staffordshire v Warwickshire or Devon
Venue undecided or Cardiff: Scotland or Glamorgan v Sussex or Ireland
Venue undecided or Old Trafford: Suffolk or Lancashire v Hertfordshire or Worcestershire
18 TOUR MATCH
Jesmond: Minor Counties v. Australians (one day)
20 BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Lord's: FINAL

AUGUST

1 FOURTH TEST MATCH
Old Trafford: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
3 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey.
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex.
*Swansea: Glamorgan v. Kent.
Bournemouth: Hampshire v. Somerset.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Yorkshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Lancashire.
4 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v. Surrey
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex.
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v. Nottinghamshire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Yorkshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Lancashire
7 NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals
8 TOUR MATCH
Downpatrick: Ireland v. Australians (one day).
10 TOUR MATCH
*Lord's: Middlesex v. Australians (four days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Derbyshire.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v. Leicestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey.
Canterbury: Kent v Sussex.
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Worcestershire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v. Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire.
11 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Colchester: Essex v Derbyshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v. Leicestershire.
14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Buxton: Derbyshire v. Worcestershire.
Colchester: Essex v. Sussex.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v. Hampshire.
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire.
Canterbury: Kent v. Warwickshire.
Lytham St Annes: Lancashire v. Northamptonshire.
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v. Middlesex.
The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire.
15 FIFTH TEST MATCH
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA.
17 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Nottinghamshire.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey.
Wellingborough: Northamptonshire v. Glamorgan.
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Somerset.
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Kent.
18 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Nottinghamshire.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey.
Wellingborough: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Kent.
29 SIXTH TEST MATCH
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA.
31 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.
Folkestone: Kent v Derbyshire.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v. Lancashire.
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Essex.
Headingley: Yorkshire v. Northamptonshire.

SEPTEMBER

1 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Surrey
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex
Folkestone: Kent v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
Edgbaston, Warwickshire v Essex.
Headingley: Yorkshire v. Northamptonshire.
4 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Folkestone: Kent v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
ASDA CHALLENGE
Scarborough: Lancashire v Yorkshire.
5 ASDA CHALLENGE
Scarborough: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire.
6 ASDA CHALLENGE
Scarborough: Final
7 NATWEST TROPHY
LORD'S: FINAL
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire (or September 11 if either county in NatWest Trophy Final)
8 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire.
Southampton: Hampshire v. Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v. Warwickshire
Trent Bridge, Nottinghamshire v Essex.
The Oval: Surrey v. Lancashire.
Hove, Sussex v Leicestershire.
OTHER MATCH
Scarborough. International match (three days).
11 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex.
Taunton, Somerset v Worcestershire.
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire (if not played Sept 7).
Scarborough: Yorkshire v. Nottinghamshire.
14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v. Yorkshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v. Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v. Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v. Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire.
The Oval: Surrey v. Gloucestershire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Middlesex.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Northamptonshire.
15 JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v. Leicestershire.
Chelmsford: Essex v. Yorkshire.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v. Sussex.
Canterbury: Kent v. Somerset
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v. Gloucestershire.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v. Middlesex.
Worcester: Worcestershire v. Northamptonshire.

*Denotes Sunday play in three-day or four-day matches

Other matches at Lord's

July 8 — Eton v. Harrow (one day)
July 24 — MCC Schools v. National Association of Young Cricketers (two days).
July 29 — NCA Young Cricketers v. Combined Services (one day).
August 28 — MCC v Ireland (two days).
August 31 — William Younger Cup Final
September 1 — Samuel Whitbread village championship final.

Chris Hawkins examines the whys and wherefores of a flutter on the Sabbath

Will Britain's punters stand for a seven-day week?

RACING

DOES a punter bet according to his opportunities or his pocket? The answer to this question is vital to the viability of Sunday racing — a subject which has been a smudge on the horizon for a long time, but which comes sharply into focus on Monday when the Jockey Club's working party begins its feasibility study.

No positive steps can be taken until the Government, through amendments to the Betting, Gaming and *Lotteries Act and Sunday* Observance Act, gives the green light to betting both on and off course.

The fact that the high streets are soon likely to be open for business on Sunday, following the Auld report, has triggered the new interest in Sunday racing — betting shops being predominantly situated in town centres which have traditionally been empty on the Sabbath.

It may be all right to allow Sunday shopping, but Sunday betting somehow smacks of immorality and the Lord's Day Observance Society is certain to have plenty to say.

Assuming, however, that the legal hurdles can be overcome, the working party must decide first and foremost whether Sunday racing would be good for the industry and if the answer is yes, then examine the practicalities of such a conclusion.

Whether it would be good depends very much on the answer to the question posed *in the opening sentence.* The costs of staging racing on a Sunday would be far greater than on an ordinary day and so the amount of money bet must be proportionately greater.

It is widely thought — a market survey will be required to verify it — that punters only have so much money to spend on gambling and the more racing there is the more thinly this allocation is spread.

So an extra opportunity to bet is not necessarily going to bring the bookies more business and the Levy Board and racing more revenue.

The alternative then is to attract new money and new punters and this might be done by making a Sunday *afternoon at the races a fam*ily occasion. This would not only provide short-term benefits but encourage an interest in racing among the growing generation.

This sounds fine in the summer, but interest would be bound to dwindle in the winter. This then is another aspect the working party must look at — would Sunday racing take place all year?

If it did the next matter to be considered is whether racing should go on seven days a week or whether there should be a compensatory blank day.

The National Trainers' Federation's chief executive, Richard Mackaness, believes seven days would be perfectly *acceptable to his mem*bers: "It would simply be up to the trainers themselves on what days they wanted to race — as it is now — but the problem really comes with stable staff who couldn't be expected to work Sundays without another day off."

Staffing would be a major problem throughout the industry and much of a racecourse's extra revenue through the turnstiles would go on paying gatemen, car park attendants, caterers and all such peripheral employees double time or at least time and a half.

The fixture list would need looking at — whether more meetings should be granted or whether the cur*rent number* should be spread. More meetings sounds ideal, but these would entail extra demands on the Levy Board for prize money.

Sponsors make a significant contribution to prize money these days, with television coverage a carrot offered to encourage them. Television companies have already begun to indicate a certain disenchantment with racing, however, and there is no guarantee they would be willing to screen it on both Saturday and Sunday. So it is no good expecting sponsors to shoulder the prize money burden.

In any case it may be wrong to assume that top class fare will be provided. Stanley Jackson, Secretary of the Horse Racing Advisory Council, thinks it unlikely that there will be any clashes with major programmes taking place on a Sunday on the continent.

"I do not see this as an opportunity for Ascot and Epsom, but rather for the Herefords and the Baths," says Jackson. "These small tracks have local farming communities who will be only too pleased to go racing on a Sunday. This is probably where the new audience will come from."

It is thought that no more than two Sunday meetings would be staged.

The ability of newspapers to cope with cards may not be an obvious consideration but the sports pages of Saturday papers are already bulging with race cards and sports editors would not be keen on conceding more space for Sunday cards.

Sunday papers suffer even greater demands on space and the problem would be intensified for them.

The problems then are many and varied, but they all boil down to the economic equation concerning income and expenditure. As trainer Toby Balding says: "Sunday racing sounds an absolute must until you start looking into it."

The working committee's job is to do just that and with representatives of the Horse Racing Advisory Council, the Levy Board, the Racecourse Association, plus the bookmakers and the Tote, there should be plenty of expertise brought to bear.

It is by no means certain that parties will be unanimous to begin with but it will be a surprise if in the long run racing is not tempted to gamble and give Sunday sport a try.

● There is again no racing in the British Isles today. The English meetings at Kempton, Catterick, Haydock and Warwick were cancelled on Thursday and today's Irish fixtures at Gowran Park and Navan were abandoned yesterday.

The blank period looks certain to continue next week. Both Carlisle and Leicester, where racing is scheduled for Monday, inspect at noon today, but the position is described as "hopeless" at both tracks. The outlook is equally grim for Chepstow and Nottingham on Tuesday, with both tracks frozen and snowbound and inspections tomorrow.



CHESS

Leonard Barden

JOHN NUNN'S gold and the England men's silver medals at the Salonica chess olympics overshadowed a promising performance by the England women. Leading totals among the 51 teams were USSR 32 out of 42, Bulgaria 27½, Romania 27, West Germany and China 26, Hungary 25, Poland and England 24, Yugoslavia and Spain 23½.

England thus finished eighth overall but second among Western nations. In the past the team's problem has been to find adequate lower board support for the experienced Jana Miles and Sheila Jackson. When Susan Walker, 19, beat the Romanian and drew with the Bulgarian in her final two games, England's medal prospects for the 1986 olympics began to look good. Walker went on to win the CCL Brighton zonal and thus qualify for the next stage of the individual world championship, while Mandy Hepworth, 16, was a good third in Brighton and could well be the answer for fourth board in 1986.

Credit for this hopeful situation goes to the players, who compete regularly in British opens and strong weekend tournaments, keeping on a par with the East Europeans; to Robert Bellin, the captain, former British champion and an excellent analyst; and to merchant banker sponsors Duncan Lawrie who also back the England men's team.

This week's game took the Duncan Lawrie award for the best England win at Salonica. Black plays passively, but White's approach is clear and thematic. Her central control stops any Black activity, then she switches to a queen's side break, finally returning to the centre as Black weakens the king's defences.

WGM Jana Miles (England)—
Merete Hauhr (Denmark)
Benoni Defence (Salonica 1984)

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-B4
3 P-Q5 P-Q3 4 P-B4 P-KN3
5 N-B3 B-N2 6 P-K4 O-O
7 B-N5 P-KR3 8 B-R4 N-K1?

The knight manoeuvre is too slow. In this type of position Black should generate counter play by P-K3.

9 B-Q3 N-B2 10 O-O R-N1
11 P-KR3 BxKN 12 QxB N-Q2

Another plan is 12 . . . P-KN4 13 B-N3 N-Q2 14 Q-K2 N-K4, hoping to blockade the black squares, but then White can gain ground by N-Q1-K3-B5.

13 B-N3 P-R3 14 Q-K2

Here 14 P-QR4 is more precise.

14 . . . N-K4 15 P-B4 NxB
16 QxN Q-Q2?

Missing a chance for 16 . . . P-QN4! undermining the white QP.

17 P-K5 P-QN4 18 P-N3 QR-N1
19 QR-K1 PxBP 20 PxRP B-N5
21 N-K4 N-K1 22 R-N1 Q-B2

P-QR4 is more resistant. Now White makes a temporary pawn sacrifice to overrun the queen's side.

23 RxR PxR 24 P-QB5! QPxRP
25 R-B1 Q-N3 26 B-B2 Q-Q1
27 RxP N-B2 28 Q-B4 N-N4
29 QxP Q-Q2 30 P-QR4 N-B2

A pawn up and still dominating the board. White is in full control.

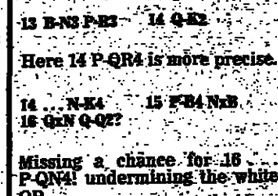
31 Q-B4 N-R1 32 R-B6 R-N1
33 N-B3 P-N4 34 B-N3 N-N3
35 Q-Q4 Q-N2 36 P-B5 N-Q2

Black's last effort at active play on the QN file has left the king short of defenders, so now comes the final attack.

37 Q-K4 Q-N6 38 PxP PxP
39 P-K6 N-B3 40 PxP chRxP
41 Q-K6 ch Resigns

For 42 BxR follows.

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Dzindzihashvili v. Strenzwilk, Baltimore, US, 1984. White to play; how can he win? Dzindzi is the ex-Soviet GM who played top board for the US at the chess olympics and led the Americans to their first ever success over the Russians. In this diagram his winning chances look slim: rook and knight against rook is a book draw, White's rook has to guard his last pawn while if the knight moves Black has R-KR6. Black can also aim to draw by exchanging the last pair of pawns.

Dzindzi found a very subtle winning move; even expert players will do well to spot it in 20 minutes or less.

Solution No. 1838: White R-B3, QB2, Rs at QN5 and QN2, B at QR3. Black K at QR8, B at Q3, at QB2. Mate in three: 1. R-QB6 (threat 2 RxP ch KxR 3 B-N7 mate) BxR 2 R-N4 BxR 3 B-B7 mate.



BRIDGE

Rixi Markus

MARTIN HOFFMAN, an excellent bridge player, has also impressed us all with his first book about the game (Hoffman On Pairs Play: Faber and Faber, £6.95) and with his magazine articles, Tales Of Hoffman. His wife, Audrey, has also proved herself an excellent teacher and organiser of small but pleasant tournaments. Martin and I played on one of these occasions, the other invited pair being Jack Albuquerque and W. Zaflarski. Although the other players were not well known, we found that they were all keen and, in *some cases, promising.*

Here is a hand on which Martin Hoffman displayed his normal flair and judgment. West dealt at love all.

NORTH
♠ 4
♥ 8 4 2
♦ K J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ 7 5

WEST
♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ J
♦ Q 10
♣ A K Q J 9

EAST
♠ 7 3 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ 9
♣ 10 8 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8 5
♥ A K Q 10 6
♦ A 8 6
♣ 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Mrs Markus — Hoffman

1C(1)	3D(2)	NB	6H
Dble(3)	NB	NB	NB

(1) East-West were playing the Precision Club system, and 1C showed any hand containing 16 or more high-card points.
(2) I always try to make life difficult for my opponents after a conventional 1C opening. On this occasion, it was my partner who was in danger of being inconvenienced.
(3) No doubt out of pique.

Martin had no difficulty in making twelve tricks after ruffing the second round of clubs: five hearts, one spade and six diamonds.

Here is another hand on which Martin Hoffman made it simple for us to achieve a "top." East dealt at love all.

NORTH
♠ 10 8
♥ 6 4
♦ K 8 7 6 5
♣ A Q 7 6

WEST
♠ J 4
♥ J 10 9 7 5
♦ Q J
♣ 8 4 3 2

EAST
♠ A 9 2
♥ A K Q 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ K 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q 7 6 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A 10
♣ J 10 9

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
		Mrs Markus	
Hoffman			
1NT	2S	NB	3D
Double	NB	3H	3S
4H	4S	NB	NB
Double	NB	NB	NB

Realising that I might not obtain the lead too frequently, I led a club against 4S doubled. My partner won the first trick with the king and cashed the ace of hearts, on which I contributed the jack in order to show the ten. Martin then switched back to clubs, and declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king, which held the trick. He then crossed back to dummy with a diamond in order to lead a second spade, but my partner rose with the ace, crossed to my hand by returning his small heart, and collected a club ruff to defeat the contract by two tricks.

+300 gave us the top match-point score on the board. However, it was a close-run thing, for one off and +100 would have left us badly placed compared with the East-West pairs who were collecting +140 in 3H: we needed to find the correct defence in order to score well.

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HOCKEY

Pat Rowley

Pappin lands in South

A SURPRISE NAME in the line-ups for tomorrow's English indoor cup matches is that of Veryan Pappin, the Scotland and Great Britain goalkeeper.

The RAF parachute instructor who understudied Ian Taylor at the Los Angeles Olympics, is to play indoor for Southgate, a club that has reached Finals Night (the last eight) only once.

Southgate have to travel to Swindon for their qualifier without three of their GB players. James Duthie has shingles, David Craig, a pulled muscle, and Richard Dodds, is on duty as a doctor. With Pappin are players of the calibre of Kerly, Jennings and Batchelor. They should account for Pickwick, the Midlands Cup champions, Southport and RAF Support Command.

Slough, the holders and recent conquerors of England, have an even longer journey, to Bradford for the second year running.

Slough's chances of retaining their title must have been improved by the draw, which brings most of the leading contenders into opposition in two of the eight qualifying pools.

Firebrands, who ran Slough close in last year's final, are *opposed by* Fareham and South Notts at Worcester; Tulse Hill, the 1983 champions, by Blackheath, St. Albans and Wilton, who are now making an impact both indoors and out. Firebrands are collecting star players for indoor hockey rather as Southgate have done outdoors. Since last year two internationals, David Smith and Nick Clark, have joined them.

Carl Ward, who coaches them when not assisting both the England men's and women's teams, thinks his club "might be a little better than England" in putting into practice his rotation tactics. Just the same, if Firebrands are as lax with their set piece drills as they were at the recent Glenfiddich Tournament, they could be hard pressed to qualify.

The Hockey Association said yesterday that despite weather and travel problems the qualifying matches must be played tomorrow, since it would be impossible to rebook the halls.



FLY-PAST: Helmut Hoeflehner on his way to victory in Switzerland yesterday

Hoeflehner jumps into downhill lead

SKIING

Helmut Hoeflehner won the downhill at Wengen yesterday and took the lead in the World Cup downhill standings from Pirmin Zurbriggen.

The 26-year-old Austrian, winner at Val Gardena in Italy last month, started slowly but picked up places in the middle section and final schuss, averaging 61 mph over the longest course on the Cup circuit to beat Franz Heinzer of Switzerland and another Austrian Peter Wirnsberger, who has had thdee third place finishes and a sixth in the four races this season.

The Olympic downhill champion Bill Johnson, US winner at Wengen last year, scored his first points of the season when he finished 10th, almost two seconds behind the winner.

Times for the 4,230-metre race were eight seconds off the record because of new snow and rise in temperatures in the Bernese Oberland resort. The piste was defused on the eve of the race.

Zurbriggen, in hospital in Basle after injuring a knee ligament in his second win at Kitzbuehel last week, watched on television.

Yesterday's downhill was transferred from Bormio in Italy last month because of lack of snow. Today Wengen stages the *Lauberhorn classic.*

WORLD CUP.—Men's Downhill (Wengen): 1, H. Hoeflehner (Aut) 2min 36.04sec; 2, F. Heinzer (Swit), 2-36.15; 3, P. Wirnsberger (Aut), 2-36.59; 4, A. Steiner (Aut), 2-37.11; 5, P. Luescher, (Swit), 2-37.29; 6, M. Mair (It), 2-37.31; 7, F. Klammer (Aut) 2-37.55; 8, P. Mueller (Swit), 2-37.65; 9, C. Cathomen (Swit) 2-37.92; 10, B. Johnson (US), 2-37.98; 11, S. Wildgruber (W Ger) 2-38.15; 12, J. Lee (Aus), 2-38.20; 13, B. Kernen (Swit), 2-38.25; 14, T. Brooker (Can), 2-38.32; 15, K. Alsleer (Swit), 2-38.45.

Overall Cup Standings: 1, P. Zurbriggen (Swit), 179pts; 2, M. Girardelli (Lux), 165; 3, A. Wenzel (Liecht), 152; 4, Heinzer, 98; 5, T. Buesler (Swit), 93; 6, Hoeflehner, 88. Downhill Standings: 1, Hoeflehner, 62; 2, Zurbriggen, 59; 3, Heinzer, 58; 4, P. Wirnsberger (Aut), 55; 5, Cathomen, 46; 6, Mueller, 34.

Henry Blofeld in Melbourne

Lawson pays his fine and plays

CRICKET

THE MOST IMMEDIATE problem of the Australian Cricket Board was solved when Lawson asked the team manager, Bob Merriman, to deduct the 500 dollars fine from his match fees. In one sense his account has been *squared.*

Lawson will therefore take his place in the Australian side for today's match against Sri Lanka and tomorrow's against the West Indies, both at the MCG. It is not clear if the rest of the side will contribute to the payment of Lawson's fine. My feeling is that at a team meeting yesterday it became clear to Lawson and Border that several of the players were not prepared to contribute.

On the larger question which concerns the disciplining of Border for deliberately and openly criticising the ACB over the matter of the fine and for the way in which it was levied there has been a disturbing silence. The bet now would be that the ACB would like to forget about the whole incident and hope that it will go away. If this is what happens Border can hardly fail to think that he has won a victory.

At that press conference at the SCG last Tuesday evening he not only read out his highly critical statement but beforehand in discussing the evening's match he had also made obvious criticisms about the selection of the side. By making the statement too he was breaking a confidence. So in a sense he had completed a personal hat-trick and is being allowed to continue unscathed as Australia's captain.

It is interesting that a week ago Jeff Thompson, who is another player contracted to the Australian Board, was fined 300 dollars for publicly criticising the selection of Hogg ahead of his Queensland colleague Rackemann. He has every reason to feel hard done by although he will probably say nothing, for at the moment the Queenslanders, well on their way to their first Sheffield Shield title, close ranks whenever possible, which may not help the atmosphere in the Australian dressing room, either.

The sinister aspect of the silence of the ACB over Border's behaviour is that it smacks of expediency rather than the pursuit of principle. It would not be in the least surprising if the reason for their doing nothing if this is what happens, would be because of the lack of alternatives to Border as captain. That would surely be a shameful abdication of their responsibility to Australian cricket and the game wherever it is played. The more militant minded among the players are bound to feel now that they can indulge in even greater excesses of criticism without much fear of disciplinary measures being taken against them. It is a dangerous precedent.

Meanwhile the Sri Lankan batting has looked first class. With several players running into form, Sri Lanka might embarrass Australia today and make them struggle to reach the finals of the competition.

Reid leads recovery

An unbeaten 86 by the left-hander John Reid helped New Zealand out of trouble on the first day of the first Test against Pakistan in Wellington. At stumps they were 220 for four thanks to the unbroken *82-run fifth-wicket partnership* of Reid and Jeremy Coney.

New Zealand, having won the toss, were struggling at 138 for four when the pair come together. Iqbal Qasim's slow left-arm had just claimed the wickets of the brothers Martin and Jeff Crowe, for 34 and four respectively, after John Wright was well caught at short mid-wicket by Shoaib Mohammed for 11 off Azeem Hafeez's medium pace and the New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth was stumped for 33 while risking a second run in which he nearly collided with Reid.

Abdul Qadir was expensive, finishing with nought for 84 off 30 overs.

NEW ZEALAND—First Innings

G. P. Howarth run out	33
J. G. Wright c. Shoaib b Hafeez	11
J. F. Reid not out	86
M. D. Crowe c Zaigar b Iqbal	37
J. J. Crowe c Shoaib b Iqbal	4
J. V. Coney not out	42
Extras (lb 5, b 1, nb 1)	7
Total (for 4, at close)	220

Fall of wickets: 24, 69, 126, 138.
Bowling: Mudassar Nazar 14-3-31-0; Azeem Hafeez 22-7-45-1; Abdul Qadir 30-6-84-0 (1 nb); Iqbal Qasim 20-3-44-2; Wasim Raja 2-0-10-0.

To bat: I. D. S. Smith, R. J. Hadlee, S. L. Boock, B. L. Cairns, E. J. Chatfield.

PAKISTAN: Javed Miandad (capt.), Mohsin Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Qasim Omar, Salim Malik, Wasim Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Asif Dajpar, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Azeem Hafeez.

Rugby Union

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—Ireland v. England (postponed).

B INTERNATIONAL.—Scotland v. France (at Murrayfield), 2.15).

CLUB MATCHES (2.15 unless stated).—Ayr v. Glasgow Acads; Boroughmuir v. Clarkston, Edinburgh Acads v. Broughton Pk (2.15); Gala v. Middlesbrough; Gosforth v. Richmond; Heriot's FP v. Kelso; Jed-Forest v. Hawkeport Rovers; Launceston v. Penzance & Newlyn (2.30); Lde Scottish v. Northern (2.30); Manchester v. Huddersfield (2.30); Nottingham v. Rosslyn Park (3.0); Nuneaton v. Cheltenham (2.30); Orrell v. West Hartlepool (2.30); Oxford Univ v. Durham Univ (2.30); US Portsmouth v. London Irish (2.30); Sheffield v. Morley (2.30); Stewart's Mel FP v. Melrose; Vale of Lune v. Liverpool; Wakefield v. Rosslyn (2.0); Wimslow v. Fylde (2.45).

TOMORROW

CLUB MATCHES.—Bristol v. Camborne (3.0); Saracens v. Moseley (2.30).

Rugby League

TOMORROW

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP.—Bradford N v. Wigan (3.30); Featherstone R v. Hull K.R. (3.30); Halifax v. Leeds (at Headingley); Hull v. Widnes; Hunslet v. Warrington (3.30).

SECOND DIVISION.—Batley v. Bridgend (2.30); Bramley v. Dewsbury (3.30); Carlisle v. Mansfield M.; Rochdale H v. Whitehaven; Salford v. Southend Invicta.

Hockey

TOMORROW

ENGLISH INDOOR CUP (Pendlewell SC, Worcester, 11.30): Group 1: Farnham, Firbrands, Marlborne; S Notts; Group 2: Alderley Edge, Bournemouth, Glos C, Ipswich IR, Dunn SC, Bradford 12.0); Group 3: Cambs C, RAF Strike Cd, Sheffield, Slough; Group 4: Doncaster, Ford, Pelicans, Southport (Magnet FS, Maidenhead, 12.30); Group 5: Bromley, Guildford, Khalsa (WK), Spencer, Group 6: Blackheath, St Albans, Tulse Hill, Wellon, (Oasis SC, Swindon, 12.30); Group 7: Pickwick, RAF Strike Cd, Southgate, Stanport, Group 8: Beckenham O, Teamtollers, Teddington, Weymouth.

Ice Hockey

HEINEKEN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Fife v. Cleveland (7.0); Nottingham v. Southampton (6.30); Streatham v. Dundee (8.45). Division One: Crowtree v. Altrincham (6.30); Grimsby v. GI Solihull (7.15).

Tomorrow: Premier Division: Ayr v. Murrayfield (7.0); Southampton v. Durham (6.0); Whitley v. Cleveland (6.30). Division One: Altrincham v. Deeside. (5.30); GI Solihull v. Lee Valley (6.0).

WEEKEND FIXTURES IN DETAIL

Soccer

(3.0 unless stated)

CANON LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea v. Arsenal (2.0)
Coventry v. Aston Villa
Ipswich v. West Ham Utd ..... P
Liverpool v. Norwich
Newcastle v. Leicester ..... P
Notts Forest v. Sheffield Wed ..... P
Southampton v. Sunderland ..... P
Stoke v. Luton ..... P
Tottenham H v. Everton ..... P
West Brom v. QPR ..... P

TOMORROW

Watford v. Manchester Utd (2.35) ..... P

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley v. Grimsby ..... P
Birmingham v. Oldham ..... P
Blackburn v. Crystal Palace ..... P
Brighton v. Carlisle ..... P
Charlton v. Cardiff ..... P
Leeds v. Notts. County
Manchester City v. Wimbledon
Middlesbrough v. Portsmouth
Oxford Utd v. Huddersfield ..... P
Sheffield Utd v. Wolverhampton ..... P
Shrewsbury v. Fulham ..... P

WELSH FA CUP.—Fourth Round: Tonyn v. Lex XI (2.15).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE.—Bangor v. Workington; Buxton v. Chorley; Hyde v. Horwich RMI; Macclesfield v. Goole; Marine v. South Liverpool; Morecambe v. Grantham; Oswestry v. Mossley; Southport v. Gainsborough.

THIRD DIVISION

Bristol Rovers v. Burnley ..... P
Cambridge Utd v. Gillingham ..... P
Derby v. Preston NE ..... P
Doncaster v. Reading ..... P
Hull City v. Bolton ..... P
Newport v. York City ..... P
Orient v. Millwall ..... P
Plymouth v. Lincoln ..... P
Rotherham v. Bournemouth
Walsall v. Bradford City ..... P
Wigan Ath. v. Brentford

FOURTH DIVISION

Aldershot v. Halifax ..... P
Blackpool v. Colchester ..... P
Bury v. Chester (3.15) ..... P
Hartlepool v. Port Vale
Hereford v. Crewe ..... P
Mansfield v. Peterborough ..... P
Northampton v. Darlington ..... P
Scunthorpe v. Exeter ..... P
Torquay v. Swindon ..... P
Tranmere v. Stockport (3.15) ..... P
Wrexham v. Rochdale ..... P

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Bognor v. Wokingham; Dulwich Hamlet v. Bishop's Stortford; Harlow v. Hendon; Hitchin v. Billericay; Leytonstone & Ilford v. Worthing; Wycombe Wdrs v. Walthamstow Ave.

FA VASE.—Fourth Round (1.45): Chester le Street v. Bedlington; Brandon v. Fleetwood; Irthlingboro Diamonds v. Hucknall; Wythenshawe Amtrs v. Russell Olympic; Halesowen v. Lewis; Rainworth Mw v. Lincoln Utd; Bury Town v. Eastbourne Utd; Collier Row v. Berkhamsted, Steyning v. Flackley; Braintree v. Harefield; G Georgians v. Torrington; Bristol Manor Farm v. Exmouth; Chesham v. Sharpness.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v. Rangers
Celtic v. Hearts ..... P
Dundee v. St Mirren ..... P
Hibernian v. Dumbarton
Morton v. Dundee Utd ..... P

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v. Forfar ..... P
Brechin v. Partick Thistle
Clyde v. Hamilton
Falkirk v. Ayr ..... P
Kilmarnock v. St Johnstone
Meadowbank v. Clydebank
Motherwell v. East Fife (at East Fife)

SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v. Raith Rovers ..... P
Alloa v. Dunfermline ..... P
Cowdenbeath v. Arbroath ..... P
E. Stirlingshire v. Stranraer ..... P
Montrose v. Queen's Pk (at Queen's Park, 1.30)
Queen of South v. Stirling Albion ..... P
Stenhousemuir v. Berwick ..... P

SCOTTISH CUP
Second Round Replay

Spartans v. Inverness Th (1.30) .....

GOLA LEAGUE.—Barrow v. Worcester; Kettering v. Altrincham; Kidderminster v. Dartford; Maidstone v. Nuneaton; Telford Utd v. Enfield.

● The pools panel will sit today.

● Matches postponed unless listed, check with home clubs before travelling.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division: A. P. Leamington v. Chelmsford; Bedworth v. Trowbridge; Fareham v. Folkestone; Fisher v. R. S. Southampton; Shepshed v. Gloucester; Welling v. Alvechurch; Willenhall v. Gravesend.

Midland Division: Brignorth v. Forest Grn; Leicester Utd v. Banbury; Milton Keynes v. Dudley; Oldbury v. Moor Gn; Rushden v. Stourbridge; Sutton Coldfield v. Redmesford; VS Rugby v. Aylesbury; Wellingboro v. Merthyr Tydfil. Southern Division: Ashford v. Dunstable; Cambridge City v. Salisbury (at Salisbury); Chatham v. Canterbury; Dorchester v. Shepper; Gosport v. Erith; Poole v. Hillingdon; Thanet v. Andover; Tonbridge v. Basingstoke; Waterlooville v. Woodford.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Norwich v. Brighton (2.0); Portsmouth v. Charlton (2.30); QPR v. Millwall (2.30); Swansea v. Ipswich; Swindon v. Watford (2.30).

IRISH CUP.—First Round (2.30 unless stated).—Ballymena v. Nicholls; Banbridge v. Linfield; Bangor v. Ards; Civil Service v. Harland Wolff Welders; Cliftonville v. Brantwood; Coleraine v. Chimney Corner; Distillery v. Dunmurry; Downpatrick v. Limavady; Glentoran v. Carrick Rangers (5.0); Island Magee v. Ballymagee; Killyleagh v. Oxnach; Larne v. Standard Telephone and Cable (11.0); R.U.C. v. Tobermore.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE.—Bideford v. Minehead; Bristol C v. Chard; Clevedon v. Frome v. Devonport; Evesham v. Melksham v. Weston-super-Mare; Saltash v. Taunton; Shepton Mallet v. Barnstable.

Basketball

(8.0 pm unless stated)

NATIONAL LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION.—Hemel and Watford Royals v. Bradwell Pirates; Kingcraft Kingston v. Nissan Worthing Bears; John Carr Doncaster v. Crystal Palace Supersonic; Walkers Crisps Leicester v. Sunderland Maestros; Solent Solent Stars v. Screen Stars Telford; Homesavers Bolton v. Davenport Birmingham Bullets. Second Division: Calderdale Explorers v. Bristol Ducks Uxbridge; Team Sandwell v. John Eld Derby. Women's First Division: Solent Stars v. Homesavers Bolton (4.0); Enfield Browns v. Ashfield Glass Nottingham (6.0) Kingcraft Kingston v. TCB Worthing Wasps (6.0); Manchester Vogue Travel v. Sheffield Hatters.

TOMORROW

NATIONAL LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION.—Sunderland Maestros v. Hemel and Watford Royals (4.0). Second Division: Team Hamlets v. Camden (6.0); Team Wakefields Nottingham v. Calderdale Explorers (4.0); McEwan Tyneside v. Bristol Ducks Uxbridge (4.0). Women's First Division: Bath v. Dalkeith Crystal Palace (4.0); London Bobcats v. Aston Northampton (2.0).

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Jana Miles (England).
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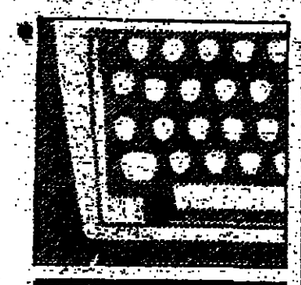
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olution No. 1838: White
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3. Black K at QR8. B at Q
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reat 2 RxP ch KxR 3 P
te) BxR 2 R-N4 BxR 3 P
te.



DIARY

RABBI Cohen has to confess he is quite enjoying it all. "It's quite good fun being *famous*," he chirrups on his way back from lunch for his photocall. "It's rather nice standing on the tube hearing people talking about you."

"Everyone but Pravda's been after him," says the manager of the New End Theatre, Hampstead, where Rabbi Cohen opens in his late night show, Mazel and Tov, next Monday. The week's run at £3 a head is almost sold out already. He's been filmed by NBC, BBC, ITN and *interviewed* by newspapers round the world. He hopes to issue his first record very soon. He dares to hope, in all modesty, that he might follow in the steps of Fred Housego, the erstwhile taxi driver with the *grey cells*.

He would, in even more modesty, like to be a sort of Jewish Noel Coward or Flanders and Swan. But all in good time. He has got through his savings since being dismissed as Southgate synagogue's rabbi and has a huge mortgage to think of with only his earnings from his job as adviser on interpersonal skills to live off.

He is, on the whole, pleased with the way the media has treated him. "You were very thoughtful, polite and sensitive," he told photographers, who looked suitably mortified to hear it. "Not me," grumped one lensman. "I was off last week."

A MOST enviable crop of winners has emerged in the wake of the Fabian Society's raffle. The most desirable award dinner for two goes to the Society's Chairperson, Ms Tessa Blackstone. Appropriately enough, the winner of a tour of the House of Lords is Sir Sigmund Sternberg, who was originally down for a peerage on Harold Wilson's resignation honours list. And Mrs Hope Roper, wife of Mr John Roper, the SDP whip who lost his seat at the last election, will treasure her own prize — a tour of the House of Commons.

THE exiled Khalistan leader, Dr Jagjit Singh Chohan (Di- (Diaries passim), has it transpires, international links which go far beyond those with Senator Jesse Helms. Another body he belongs to is the International Conference for Resistance in Occupied Countries (ICROC) — a virulently anti-communist international of organisations claiming to fight communist occupations.

Dr Chohan recently went to ICROC's Paris conference, which was attended by 17 delegations from countries as diverse as Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Russia, Albania, Nicaragua and Kampuchea as well as, it is claimed, Unita, Mozambique and Iran.

Dr C says he doesn't know quite who gives the money for the organisation, though each delegation pays for membership. "It is all printed matter. I think there is nothing covert in the thing."

MR ROBERT Maxwell's nationwide train tour gets underway in snowbound Plymouth on Monday at the end of a flurrying week of internal activity at Mirror Group Newspapers. The man who fixed up the tour, Mr Neil Bentley, is, for instance, married to one of the 111 executives sacked by Mr Maxwell and then quietly reinstated when he remembered his assurance that there would be no compulsory redundancies.

MR PAUL Raymond, soft-porn king of Soho, appears in court next week to argue whether his "Theatre" of War in Whitehall really is a theatre. Westminster Council doubts it, and has taken out an enforcement order against him for allegedly changing the use of the former Whitehall Theatre. "Even if there has been," argues Mr R., "our appeal should be granted because of the theatre's historical and educational role."

The display has often been accused of glorifying war and the theatre daubed in anti-war slogans. Mr R managed to catch some daubers, who turned out to be Greenham women, and sued them for "considerable" damages. "We haven't been paid all of it yet, but we have received some money," he says.

THE British version of the cult board game, Trivial Pursuit, omits the pertinent question posed in the Canadian version; viz. how many months pregnant was Nancy Reagan when Ronnie married her? The British marketers, Paltoy, explain ingeniously that certain questions with American bias have been dropped. Which may be — but the facts of the matter are clear: the US Embassy is happy to confirm that Ronnie and Nancy were married on March 4 1952 and their first child, Patti was born on October 21.

Alan Rusbridger

RICHARD BOSTON celebrates the centenary of the Dictionary of National Biography

The feast of Stephen in 63 volumes



Sir Leslie Stephen, churchman, atheist, rower, mountaineer and prime mover of the DNB, with daughter Virginia

THE first volume of the dictionary of National Biography was published just a hundred years ago in January 1885. It was one of those massive undertakings that *only the Victorians could be* megalomaniac enough to conceive, and only the Victorians could have had the energy and industriousness to carry out. The intention was no less than to supply "full, accurate, and concise biographies of all noteworthy inhabitants of the British Islands and the colonies (exclusive of living persons) from the earliest historical period to the present time."

A tall order, and the odds on completing it can't have looked too good when the intrepid George Smith took it on. Previous attempts had not fared well. The Biographical Britannica had taken five large tomes to reach the letter F, and had *then* expired. *The Society for* Diffusion of Useful Knowledge published seven half-volumes on people whose names began with A, but never got round to the lives of people whose names began with the rest of the alphabet. Another attempt by Rose reached C in six volumes, and then changed gear to do D to Z in another six volumes.

The family firm of George Smith (1824-1901) included not only banking and commercial enterprises but also the publishing house of Smith, Elder. George Smith's considerable wealth enabled him to risk £150,000 (a good £2 million in modern money) and to lose half of it without sleepless nights. Fortunately, he was saved from his original *scheme which was even* more ambitious, no less than a Dictionary of Universal Biography. "From that wild attempt," he wrote, "I was saved by the knowledge and sound judgement of Mr Leslie Stephen." Smith chose Stephen, an excellent literary critic and historian (and, incidentally, father of Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell) as his editor, soon to be joined as assistant by Sidney Lee.

In 1883 Stephen published in the Athenaeam a list of names for the letter A, inviting scholars to propose further names and to offer themselves as contributors. This was followed by further lists, each containing some 1,000 names, twice a year, *year after year, and then* with amazing regularity the volumes were published on quarter-day four times a year for fifteen and a half years.

The strain told on Stephen. "That damned thing," as he called the DNB, "goes on like a diabolical piece of machinery, always gaping for more copy." It caused him a severe nervous breakdown, and it was the irascible Sidney Lee who saw it through, and without a word-processor. Thus the lives of noteworthy Britons, from Abbadie, Jacques (or James) D.D. (1654-1727), dean of Killaloe, preacher and christian apologist, to Zuylstein, William Henry, fourth earl of Richmond (1717-1781) were recorded in *63 solid volumes.*

This by no means completed the work. Inevitably, there had been omissions and mistakes, and there were also all those who had died while the work was in progress. This required another three volumes. Then during the First World War the Smith family, who not unreasonably thought they had done their bit, offered the DNB lock, stock and barrel as a gift to Oxford University. Oxford has not only kept the original DNB in print but has also produced decennial 20th-century volumes.

Some of the entries in the original work are almost of book length. Lee's *Shakespeare is about 25,000* words long and his Queen Victoria nearly 100,000. The most favoured initial letter turned out (rightly) to be B with 3,078 names, followed by C, S and H. A mere 21 names beginning with Z found their way in, and not a single X. There were 195 people called Smith, Smyth or Smythe, 132 called Jones, 112 Stewarts (and variants), 106 Hamiltons, 102 Browns and 99 Clarks.

A good many of the articles in the original work were written by Stephen and Lee themselves. Stephen tended to take on the big people like Byron and Milton, while Lee did what Stephen called the "second-rate people". It is these, the *dim peers, dotty clergymen* and suchlike, who give the dictionary its fascination and endless charm.

Inevitably, the 20th-century volumes have a different quality from the main work. For one thing they are not stamped with the personalities of Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee. On the other hand, when writing about near-contemporaries there is an intimacy that is not possible in writing about, say, Etheired the Unready. In the modern volumes the sources of information usually include "personal knowledge" or "private information."

The modern volumes can thus match writer and subject. The most recent one, *covering 745 men* and women who died between 1961 and 1970, has Kingsley Amis on Ian Fleming, Noel Annan on E. M. Forster, Frank Muir on George Formby, Richard Ellman on T. S. Eliot, Frederic Raphael on Somerset Maugham, Anne Scott-James on V. Sackville-West, John Rothenstein on Augustus John, Jack Brymer on Beecham ("Punctuality was not among his most noticeable virtues") Ritchie Calder on Vicky, Sir Ian Gilmour on Macleod and Patrick Gordon-Walker on Gaitskell.

As in the main work, the greatest pleasure of the decennial volumes is to be found not in the major biographies of people like Churchill and Bertrand Russell but in the minor characters, the obscure clergymen, soldiers, lawyers and businessmen, especially in the thumbnail characterisations that flesh out the skeletal biographical facts. Thus Joyce Grenfell on Stephen Potter: "He smoked in a perilous manner, disregarding ashtrays." Noel Annan on E.M. Forster: "He in no way resembled Oscar Wilde or sought the milieu of international homosexuals." (What is an international homosexual?).

A typical modern DNB entry includes such wonderfully inconsequential sentences as "The marriage was not a success and they were *divorced in 1939*, when he married a celebrated oboist, Evelyn, daughter of R.H. Rothewell, a tea-dealer, of Wallingford, Berkshire." Cockroft "was a man of few words and his writing was minute. He never lost his temper." After 1956 Bellman "had more leisure to cultivate his azaleas and his prize blooms of roses and chrysanthemums, for gardening was his chief relaxation and hobby, with Kosta, his long-haired dachshund, at his side."

The inclusion of the long-haired dachshund Kosta in a dictionary of national biography does much to make up for such major omissions as Gerard Manley Hopkins, Kilvert and Wilfred Owen who missed the boat by making their reputations posthumously, and in more recent times, less explicably, Randolph Churchill, Guy Burgess and Percy Grainger.

In 1975 the DNB was *reproduced micrographically* in two volumes which came at bargain price, with a magnifying glass, at a weight which my bathroom scales reckon to be about one stone. It is now out of print, and if you want a set (now in 22 volumes) it will cost you £650 plus £50 for each of the decennial 20th-century volumes. The 1971-80 volume is planned for 1987, and another compact edition is expected in about 1990. Second-hand copies are hard to come by, which is not surprising, if you've got a set, it's not something you will readily part with. The DNB is an endlessly readable, informative and entertaining work, and on the centenary of its first appearance we can only celebrate the names of those responsible, George Smith, Leslie Stephen, Sidney Lee, the later editors and, of course, the thousands of the great and the good, the nighty and humble, whose lives are described in its many volumes. Especially the humble.

GREG CHAMBERLAIN on the issues that have set Jamaica ablaze

Fire island

THE wheel has come full circle for Jamaica's Conservative Prime Minister, Edward Seaga, whose monetarist policies, backed by the IMF, have brought the island's poor, hungry and jobless out into the streets to burn and loot over the past few day.

When angry voters put him in power at an election four years ago, after what many charged was Washington's "destabilisation" of the embattled regime of his Left-wing predecessor, Michael Manley, he dreamed of a business-orientated paradise working closely with the United States.

"Deliverance" was promised during his campaign, and indeed US-born Seaga seemed to be in line for it when he was the first foreign leader received by Ronald Ragan.

But the predicted millions of dollars in new investment proved only a trickle, despite the Reagan Administration's wish to make Jamaica a showcase for democracy and capitalism in a rebellious Caribbean.

As happened with Manley, Seaga's regime has been unable to pass many of the IMF's fiscal "tests" to qualify for the Fund's help. The IMF has demanded the same drastic cutbacks in spending and subsidies—involving higher taxes and layoffs of thousands of government workers—that sparked off rioting (which left at least 60 dead) in the Dominican Republic last April.

Jamaica's problems have been compounded by Seaga's green light to better-off Jamaicans to embark on a binge of consumption and luxury imports. His policies of free marketeering and privatisation have led to the same dead end of soaring prices, devaluation (250 per cent last year), unemployment (over 30 per cent), bankruptcies and lack of services as did Manley's efforts to build "democratic socialism."

The US has given Seaga some hefty loans and much aid, but this has not addressed the problem of Jamaica's economic structure. Mr Reagan has been more interested in Seaga' enthusiastic participation in the US invasion of Grenada 15 months ago, in checking off ideological allies on a crude map of the region, than in what might happen in the long term if he should fail at home.

When Seaga, in post-Grenada euphoria, called a snap election, Manley surprised him by boycotting it on grounds of electoral malpractice. Seaga was left with the embarrassment of paper parliament with no opposition. For more than a year now, Manley's people's national party has been well ahead in opinion polls. Since his 1980 defeat, Manley has purged his party of its radical left, whose presence Washington and Seaga had used to stir panic among the voters.

Despite his continuing friendship with Fidel Castro, his opposition to the Grenada invasion, and his militant "third-worldist" beliefs, Manley might now just get the nod from the hard men in the White House if he were to win an election. But Seaga need not call one for another four years and vows he will "not yield one inch" over his economic policies.

The latest rioting is likely to damage the tourist boom the Government has managed to foster as the major bright spot in the economy—largely to offset poor prices for bauxite, the country's main official export (after marijuana). But with 143 million US dollars worth of IMF credits at stake, Seaga says he will not cancel the 20 per cent fuel price rises which set off the riots.

Reagan has enough resources to "save" Seaga before new elections in 1989. But does he comprehend the anger and desperation of Jamaicans sufficiently to move into high gear at once, instead of waiting until the time for a military solution?

The argument may be different, but the spectacle is familiar. JAMES NAUGHTIE on Labour and the miners

Why Benn and Kinnock took the gloves off

THE scene was familiar enough and the cast of characters was predictable but this week's demonstration in the Commons marked the start of a new phase in Labour's torment over the miners' strike.

Though the reason for the campaign group's protest—the runner of others, we are assured—was the Government's refusal to grant a debate next week on the strike, the argument was more about the Labour leaders' posture on the dispute. At the Parliamentary Labour Party's meeting an hour or so afterwards all the emotion which has been bubbling under the surface there these past few weeks suddenly burst forth, and made a familiar mess.

Neil Kinnock told his critics they were undisciplined, self-indulgent and tactically futile. They told him, more or less, that he was failing to lead them in support of the NUM. It seemed pointless to either side to keep quiet any longer, and Kinnock was very happy to have his words made public. Now there is no going back, and the argument about who let down whom and when is going to rage as fiercely now as it was always certain to do after the end of the strike.

The events of this week could be presented simply as confirmation of what was already known: that the campaign group is determined to become the activists' conscience in the PLP, that Kinnock believes the strike is slowly petering out, but feels powerless to stop the drift, and that the hard Left is sticking with Arthur Scargill and the leader is not. But the row poses some new problems for Mr Kinnock. His PLP speech—passionate and bitter as it was—presents a challenge to the campaign group and its supporters to take him on in public over his parliamentary performance and his relations with party activists.

Though his speech was spontaneous and not premeditated, a product of anger rather than tactics, he obviously thinks it is a fight he can win. But how much damage will be done? No one can be quite sure of how far the fall-out will spread. Reselections here and there might get a little more fraught; the determination of some hard Left councillors to go for legal challenges might grow; the spectacle of another Labour brawl might start to tickle the public's imagination *again. But, Mr Kinnock* might say, does he have any choice?

Tony Benn, Dennis Skinner, Eric Heffer and friends have, for their part, joined battle in earnest, discarding the coded messages of the last few months. They feel let down, and insist that there is overwhelming public support for the miners which can be mobilised. Kinnock and his circle are mystified, finding evidence to support this view hard to spot. Most shadow cabinet members believe the strike will come to a sticky end. They want party leaders to make it clear that the purist line of the campaign group — solidarity with Scargill and more direct action against the Tories — will merely make the end worse

Neil Kinnock's problem is that if a significant minority in the PLP decide to use disruptive tactics as part of their campaign, there is not much he can do. Vigorous speeches to the PLP are not *enough. He has to depend on* the strong support of most MPs, most of whom gave him a warm reception for his speech on Thursday

Mr Benn was striking in his performance on Thursday as the protesters' leader. He put the first point of order and he warned afterwards that there was more to come. He was acting as the focal point of the demo, round which everything whirled, though Martin Flannery shouted more loudly. People have been writing him off as a significant dissident for months now, arguing that his force is spent, but it does seem as if he is determined to emerge as the conscience of the campaign group as it sallies forth.

That means the protests *apparently foreshadowed* by the rumpus could be serious for Mr Kinnock. They will be conducted by individuals like Mr Benn and Mr Skinner who have, admittedly, a way with words and who now feel no need to offer *public loyalty to a leader* who has attacked them publicly. Inside the party there will be attemnts to stir up a new wave of demands for what is called "an accountable leadership" broadcast through the journals of the Left. The inevitable result will be more public argument about the very purpose of the party: is it a vehicle for direct action against the Tories, or a traditional Parliamentary opposition waiting its turn?

Mr Kinnock's argument with the hard Left is good news for many of his friends. They argue that he should have slipped off his gloves earlier, but it is an inescapable consequence that a fundamental argument about Labour's purpose will surface publicly again. The public reaction cannot be accurately predicted, but recent history suggests it is not going to be a happy time for anyone.

The campaign group wants to establish its credentials as the cutting edge of Labour, ready to go where no traditional Left-winger has gone, well beyond the conventions of the House of Commons and the law as well. Some on the Right hope and believe that the group will go too far too fast and will be lost from sight,

Mr Kinnock has laid down his challenge. Whoever wins and when, it is another battle. As Arthur Scargill would say, here we go.

ENDPIECE

Roy Hattersley

WHEN, two weeks ago, I wrote a couple of paragraphs about an unattractive poem by Hugh McDiarmid I unintentionally let loose the dogs of literary criticism. And they have been savaging me *ever since.* Readers will judge for themselves the merits of the letters which were published in the Guardian. But neither of them contained the typical argument by which Mr McDiarmid has been so stoutly defended. Indeed, the letter which carried its subtle intellectual refutation of my views on a joke which compared all politicians to posteriors, took up a position in direct conflict with most of the McDiarmid defence. A majority of my correspondents either praised the poet because of his political convictions or accused me of disliking his poetry because I supported a different political position.

I make it clear at once that it was only about one poem that I complained. I confess at the same time that I have a vague impression that Christopher Murray Grieve, the man behind the McDiarmid pseudonym, was a "communist," a phrase which has acquired so amorphous a meaning that I decided—after opening some of the Edinburgh postmarked envelopes—to obtain as much precise information as is available in the Oxford Companion to English Literature. It describes him as "one of the founders of the Scottish Nationalist Party" whose autobiography "expresses his passionate Anglophobia and desire for Scottish independence, and as an idiosyncratic communist his desire for establishing workers' republics in Scotland, Wales and Cornwall."

If—Messrs Morison and McKerrow, Gordon and Gilpin, Thompson, Darwin and Parry—you do not believe that Mr Grieve did want to set up "a sort of Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in the British Isles" do not write to me. Complaints and corrections should be addressed to the Oxford University Press—preferably before Margaret Drabble completes the revision of the indispensable work of reference. I am only concerned with the notion that a man's poetry might be judged according to his politics. Of course we all agree that it should not.

If we confuse the beliefs of the teller with the quality of his tale I might have to prefer Shaw to Shakespeare. For I find the philosophy of Major Barbara a good deal more acceptable than the ideology of Coriolanus which I suspect had something to do with the views that Shakespeare picked up in martially inclined and authoritarian Elizabethan England. However, I do not have to be so solemnly objective *about more trivial* pursuits than writing. In small matters I am unapologetically prejudiced.

Once upon a time I looked upon Steve Davies as the non pareil of English snooker players; short-haired, well-mannered and restrained. Then he appeared at a Conservative Party election rally and made a bad joke about "potting reds." There is nothing wrong with bad jokes. But the venue in which it was made altered my attitude to half of the present output of all three major television channels. I now find myself supporting Irishmen and colonials.

The same sort of thing happened with Pete Murray. He and I used to spend many happy mornings in the bath together until I discovered that the hand which adjusted the turntable was often lent to the Tory Party.

I make the same judgment about sportsmen — and always have. I remember with what agony I received the rumour that Len Hutton was to be asked to stand as Conservative candidate for Pudsey. And only last December the discovery that Pat Nevin is a man of radical opinions helped to reconcile me to the way in which he ran rings around Sheffield Wednesday's defence whilst on the wing for Chelsea. "Come on, you blues!" his supporters chanted. But as he flashed the ball in from the right I was comforted to recall that, in truth, they were shouting for a pink on the left.

When Alf Gover told me, with proper West Country caution, that he *inclined* in my direction I suddenly had two reasons for regret that I had never attended his cricket school. Jack Charlton failed to get Wednesday into the First Division. But he supports the striking miners.

Actors too. I watch The Last Of The Summer Wine because of the scenery past which the codgers wander. But I *resent every assault on* the appearance and personal hygienic standards of Compo. For he accompanied Neil Kinnock, Singin' In The Rain, during the elections to the European Parliament.

During the recording of a BBC poetry programme I was so distressed to discover that my two distinguished collaborators had moved right towards the SDP that I tried to catharsise my sorrow with a joke at the end of the rehearsal — "my thanks to apostate... and to defector..." It still did not do the trick. At the end of the real programme a psychological blockage built up in my mind, and I could not remember their very famous names.

In the early seventies the BBC broadcast a wholly unmemorable series about road haulage. It was called The Brothers. The one thing about it of which I am absolutely certain is that the wife of the yard foreman turned up at a dinner of London Labour mayors. During the same epoch a consultant in Emergency Ward 10 was the chairman of a home counties Labour Party branch. I hope that I do not take the political connection to unreasonable extremes. I have lost all interest in Dynasty since Blake Carrington agreed to become state chairman of the Republican Party.

But I react more rationally to poets — though in the case of Mr McDiarmid my attitude is slightly overlaid by one emotion. Twenty years ago in a public house which looked out over the Firth of Forth I read at the back of the Spectator an essay he wrote about Edinburgh. It was in a sub-series called A Place On My Mind and for several days I could think of nothing else except writing about the city which then occupied so much of my attention.

I called my essay The Name On The Knife Blade and Iain Macleod published it under the generic title which emvraced everything at the far end of his magazine. It was my first Endpiece and I have been writing them on and off ever since. The emotion I feel for Mr McDiarmid is, therefore, gratitude. But that, no more than his exotic political opinions, has anything to do with Another Epitaph On An Army Of Mercenaries, which I believe to be a thoroughly bad poem.

How Owen Green personally delivered the deadly message to Michael Edwardes



SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

SIR OWEN GREEN strode into Sir Michael Edwardes's office in St James's near Piccadilly, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, to hand deliver his bid for Dunlop. In the frigid atmosphere, Sir Michael sat mute, leaving Owen Green to present his case to a silent audience. The BTR chief then *turned on his heel to leave*, again in silence. It was in every way the most stylish raid that the City has seen *for years*.

Sir Owen has none of the high profile super-manager image of Sir Michael Edwardes. He candidly says that he would not have done it if the previous Dunlop chairman, Sir Maurice Hodgson, had not been ousted under pressure from some of the company's bankers, who wanted Sir Michael instead.

Sir Owen said last night: "We are not the sort of people who would have *invaded that sort of arrangement*. But everything changed when Edwardes took over. He is backed by God knows whom at his price of 21 million (share options). It was a surprise to everybody that Edwardes came in."

For five years BTR has been watching Dunlop, but has held back because of the problems of the tyre business, from which Dunlop has now extricated itself. Two days after the document detailing the rescue the quiet but razor sharp Sir Owen pounced with the help of his brokers Hoare Govett and his merchant banker, George Magan of Morgan Grenfell, current grand master of the City's takeover games.

The two of then quietly tied up a blocking shareholding on Thursday morning, just enough to scupper the Dunlop reconstruction agreed painfully over many months between the banks and Sir Michael Edwardes.

Because of the structure of the rescue, BTR is able to exert enormous pressure with the new holding, even though it represents only 5 per cent of the votes in Dunlop. It has no worries about the Takeover Panel, because the stake is so small, but it *is just large enough to deny* the Dunlop board the 75 per cent majority of preference shareholders they will require at the extraordinary general meeting where the bank rescue deal will be put for approval.

Sir Owen's claim to revive Dunlop more successfully than Sir Michael Edwardes or the banks rests on the tremendous growth of his industrial holding company. With a certain irony, it was once called Birmingham Tyre and Rubber, before it wisely got out of the business that brought Dunlop to its knees.

The great American conglomerates of the 1960s such as ITT have fallen on hard times, but with companies such as BTR the process is going the other way in Britain. From his relatively modest headquarters at the back end of Victoria, Sir Owen has now made two dramatic bids for industrial groups whose West End headquarters reflect a grander past.

Dunlop's offices are in the smartest part of town, St James's, near Piccadilly. Not far away is the elegant 18th-century Mayfair mansion, Crewe House, which until BTR gobbled it up in 1983 was the headquarters of Thomas Tilling. Naturally for *an unpretentious manager* Sir Owen got rid of it to the Kuwaitis, for £37 million, and stayed in Victoria, in spite of a growth in turnover after the acquisition from £700 million to a very splendid £3 billion.

The industrial logic, the finer details of whether the bits of the two organisations fit together well, is not the most important *element of* the deal. BTR can only justify buying Dunlop if it can prove that its own special management qualities can be injected into the rump of the old company, to turn it round.

One comparison often made is with Lord Weinstock's style at GEC, with a concentration on profits rather than expansion for its own sake, much devolution to managers and a strict reporting system so that the centre of the company can relentlessly monitor the operating units.

Sir Owen himself dislikes the conglomerate tag. He prefers to argue that BTR's *mass of subsidiaries* — which are grouped under a few headings such as materials handling, transportation, energy and engineering — are strictly linked by product, market or technology. There is often little industrial logic in the various business structures — which are all rooted in manufacturing — but the key to BTR's *management style* is a relentless pursuit of profit and growth.

Sir Owen, reputed to be a great delegator and motivator of men, runs the business on a decentralised basis with his tightly knit top management team playing a very small role. Each part of the whole — some 200 — report on a monthly basis, and each is responsible for profit. Each part is autonomous in key areas such as *marketing* and production. He has been quoted as saying "We have a system of big fleas, little fleas and littler fleas."

BTR makes money from what many would consider boring, unglamorous businesses. The most profitable bits in 1983 (total profit was £170 million) were consumer related activities which contributed nearly half of profits. This came from its transportation business — mainly as suppliers of rubber related products to the car industry, paper and publishing through Huyck in the US, Stowe Woodward, Heinnemann and Pan Books — both from the Tilling empire — and other interests such as Polly Peck tights. Industrial, energy and electrical products and construction businesses, and insurance, make up the balance.

BTR has a record that suggests that it could do at least as well with BTR as Edwardes, if not better. Why has it not moved before? clearly no bidder would touch the company until its tyre business had been disposed of last summer. Since then, there has been a continuing possibility of receivership, which faded only with the news that the rescue had been finally hammered out. *The logical time* to move was after the document gathering together the Dunlop figures was published.

That however may have occurred to other people. BTR's share price jumped sharply on the news, another expression of the City view that Sir Owen can do nothing wrong. But Dunlop's price also stayed well above BTR's offer, suggesting that there may be another potential bidder waiting in the wings, with the City favouring Hanson Trust — unlikely because it dislikes auctions — GEC or Sumitomo.

Even Dunlop's bankers are likely to be tempted by the offer of preference shares in BTR rather than a stake in a shaky independent company. So the chances of the original rescue going through are *getting slimmer* by the hour. With BTR as the alternative, that is no bad thing.

Peter Rodgers, James Erlichman and Margareta Pagano

£30 m rescue package makes no impression on board

Dunlop rejects BTR bid

By James Erlichman and Margareta Pagano

The long-awaited reconstruction of Dunlop was challenged yesterday when Sir Owen Green's BTR industrial combine confirmed speculation by intervening to launch a £30 million takeover bid for the struggling rubber group.

The bid was sparked by BTR's belief that the terms of the delicately put together rescue package to save Dunlop were radically altered when Sir Michael Edwardes deposed Sir Maurice Hodgson as chairman.

Sir Owen cast doubt on Sir Michael, and his team's, ability to bring Dunlop back to profitability, arguing that the assets and employees of the company had a far more secure future within the BTR group.

BTR had prepared itself for the takeover struggle on Thursday by instructing its brokers to buy over 25 per cent of Dunlop's preference shares enabling it to block approval of the reconstruction package. Shareholders were due to approve the package — which has been watched over by the Bank of England — on February 8.

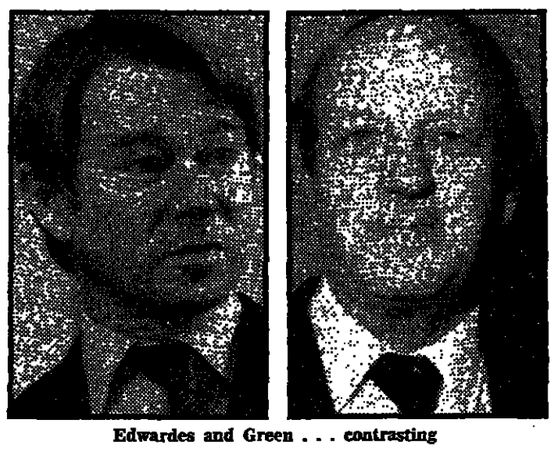
Dunlop retaliated to the surprise bid yesterday with a predictable rejection. Sir Michael, in fighting spirit, described it as grossly inadequate and opportunistic. Dunlop's finance director, Mr Robin Biggam, added: "We are surprised that a blue chip company like BTR would use such tenuous tactics to block this reconstruction on a technicality. We have spent the last three months finally putting the company into a shape which will allow its rescue."

But Mr George Magan, of BTR's merchant bankers, Morgan Grenfell, resisted the charge. "We bought the shares to use as a leverage on the situation because we felt we had to have this option. We would only use if if we have to but it is certainly not a destructive move."

He added that BTR's offer is an "infinitely better proposal which gives a much sounder future for all shareholders." The bid terms have been finely priced at a high premium which BTR believes is justifiable — but the City must not be misled that we are flexible."

BTR's share stake could also block Sir Michael's share options but if he leaves he could still gain a maximum of £468,000 for loss of office.

Shares in Dunlop and BTR soared when the terms were announced. BTR's shares jumped at one time to hit the £7 level but ended the day 72p higher at 689p. Dunlop's shares rose again another 5p to 36p compared with the 23p price when they came back on Thursday from suspension. The market was rife again with rumours that BTR may face *competition from rival bidders*.



Edwardes and Green . . . contrasting

BTR's offer values Dunlop's shares at 22p each through a share swap of 59 Dunlop shares for two new BTR shares or 20p cash for every Dunlop share. The preference *share offer is 55 Dunlop* shares for seven new BTR preference share or 75p cash per preference share.

The offer is conditional on Dunlop shareholders rejecting the financial reconstruction at the AGM. But BTR has also made it a condition that the banks currently supporting *Dunlop should convert £100* million of their loans by subscribing for new preference shares in BTR identical to those put in the rescue package.

Sir Owen estimates that if the bid succeeds it will take BTR's gearing ratio back to the level of some 88 per cent reached after the £600 million Tilling bid. But with its strong cash flow position, this should be brought down significantly by the end of the year.

Modest but razor sharp

By Tony May

SIR OWEN Green is universally credited as the architect of BTR's growth, through a series of skilfully executed and rapidly-absorbed acquisitions.

At BTR, managers speak well of the boss in private. Sir Owen is keen to stress that BTR is not a one-man company and describes the management style as commonsense and simplicity. He is usually described as "modest but razor sharp" and communicates well.

The City knows if BTR is going to make a takeover then everything will have been weighed up well and up go its shares. The group's success in turning round acquisitions is almost total.

That feeling of confidence also explains the groups record of success in that most unpopular of City games — fund raising. Its rights issues are always well supported. The downside is that profit increases are taken for granted.

Within the group the drive profit is carried on at all levels as an overriding objective. For instance, the group is not a member of the CBI as "we did not feel it was worth the money." This echoes Lord Weinstock.

Born in Stockton-on-Tees, Sir Owen is 60 this year with two daughters and one son and describes himself as a bad golfer but good reader. After service in the Navy during the war he was a chartered accountant in the City before joining Oil Feed Engineering as financial director in 1956.

The company was bought by BTR in 1958 and after various appointments he became managing director in 1967 and chairman and chief executive last year.

Pleasurama bids £118m for Trident TV group

By Margareta Pagano, City Correspondent

Pleasurama returned to the takeover scene yesterday with a £119 million agreed bid for Trident Television in a move designed to create a substantial force in the London casino business.

The merger brings Trident's Claremont, Victoria Sporting Club, Connoisseur and Village Club under the same roof as Pleasurama's Maxim's casino in London and 17 in the provinces. Pleasurama also owns a 25 per cent interest in both the Ritz and Casanova casinos.

Just under two years ago Pleasurama was turned down in its bid for Trident by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission because of the 22.5 per cent stake held by Grand Metropolitan, the biggest casino operator in London through Mecca. But last summer the MMC gave the green light after Grand Met sold its stake and a takeover has been on the cards ever since.

George Martin, Pleasurama's managing director, said yesterday the logic for the bid is the same as when the deal was *first put on the table*. "Combining our casino operations will enable the enlarged group to achieve a greater return and both will benefit from economies of scale."

If the bid succeeds, Pleasurama will be the second largest casino operator — after Grand Met — in the UK.

Pleasurama added the strong cash flow which will be generated by the new group will be used to develop non-casino leisure interests. With the recent fall in the pound it is expected that casinos generally will attract a record amount of business in 1985 from visiting tourists, mainly from the US and Middle East. Several Arab business concerns have expressed interest in Trident's gaming operations but would have been blocked from making a bid because of the gaming rules which prohibit foreign ownership.

Only last year Pleasurama paid £64 million in an agreed deal for Associated Leisure, the fruit machine to holiday group, in a bid to diversify away from its casinos business because of the lack of potential expansion. Leisure interests, particularly holidays and hotels has been identified as an attractive area for expansion.

Terms of the offer are three 7 per cent convertible cumulative preference shares of £1 each in Pleasurama and £1.83 in cash for every two Trident shares. This valued Trident shares as 249p with a cash alternative of 241.5p. Its non-voting A shares are valued at 237.5p or cash of 230p. For every two A shares Pleasurama is offering three 7 per cent preference of £1 each and £1.60 cash. Trident's A shares jumped 35p to 241p.

Trident owns television studios and technical equipment which are leased to Yorkshire and Tyne Tees Television and an 18 per cent stake in Tyne Tees. Last year Trident made £12.8 million profit and had assets of £30 million. Pleasurama has forecast profit before tax for the year to December 1984 of not less than £25 million.

Trident's board, chaired by Lord Hanson, will be stepping down.

'Wall of silence' confronts Norway

By Harold Offerdal

Lawyers acting for Lord Kindersley of Lazard Brothers are resisting attempts to get him to explain what he knows about a mysterious charitable foundation of which not even the name or location has been disclosed.

The foundation is at the core of a tax case involving £34 million and after a number of attempts to get him to make a voluntary statement Lord Kindersley has been legally subpoenaed by the Norwegian authorities to appear in court in London. He has refused, arguing that existing legal agreements between Britain and Norway only cover cases of a civil and commercial nature and not tax cases.

The case revolves around business affairs of the late *shipping tycoon Anders Jahre* on whose estates the Norwegian tax authorities have made a supplementary attachment of £34 million, having decided that he was the real owner of Continental Truck Company which was established in Panama in 1978.

The heirs of the Jahre estate, contest that Anders Jahre was the real owner stating that Continental Trucks is owned by a charitable foundation of wealthy international businessmen who wish to remain anonymous. Lord Kindersley has been named as adviser to the foundation, a position he has subsequently confirmed, but he refuses to give any further information, including where the foundation is registered or even the name of it.

The business affairs of Andres Jahre who died in 1982 have been secretly investigated by the Norwegian authorities since 1972 and in April 1980, the Finance Minister in Oslo obtained a Norwegian court order to seize US$10.1 million—which at the time was the amount left on the Continental Truck Account in the Swedish SE Banken.

However, the Swedish court refused to comply with the request and immediately afterwards the money disappeared from the account.

The connection between Jahre and the Lazard Brothers as his main bankers and financial advisers in London goes back to the 1930s when Jahre started his shipping career, first in whaling and later in tankers. Commenting on the London connection in Stockholm yesterday Bjorn Haug, attorney for the Norwegian Government described it as "a wall of silence."

Making allowances

By our Financial Staff

Civil servants and other employees who receive allowances to meet the higher cost of accommodation when they are moved to more expensive areas are not liable to tax unless the payments they receive are excessive, the Inland Revenue has confirmed.

Parliamentary and other criticisms that tax inspectors have been receiving large concessions under unpublished regulations evoked the response and formal publication by the IR board yesterday.

Under the existing practice, which has not been tested by any legal action, though the IR took advice several years ago that indicated charges would be of doubtful validity, compensatory allowances are permitted. They must bear some relation to the additional cost of similar accommodation in the new area. Capital items, such as mortgage capital repayments do not qualify for relief.

Where relief is already received, as on mortgage interest, *only the extra net amount* can be claimed as exempt from further tax. The payments must be for a limited period, tapering off over the years and lump sum payments on transfer are excluded.

China moves to set up nuclear plant

China set up a joint company yesterday with Hong Kong's biggest power utility to oversee building and operation of China's first nuclear power plants, a $3.5 billion project at Daya Bay near the British colony.

The venture was signed in *Peking by Zhang Qing-fu*, Vice-Minister of Water Resources and Electric Power, and Lord Kadoorie and William Stones, chairman and managing director of Hong Kong's China Light and Power (CLP).

CLP's wholly-owned subsidiary, the Hong Kong Nuclear Investment Corporation, will put up three quarters of the initial capital of $400 million. The rest will come from the *Chinese* partner, the Guangdong Nuclear Power Investment Corporation, a CLP official said.

FT Index beats 1,000 as confidence returns

By our City Staff

Share prices cast aside the panic of five days ago and for the first time soared through the 1,000 mark on the Financial Times 30 index, which closed yesterday 17.2 higher at 1004.4. According to Datastream, the stock market gained £2.75 billion during the day, putting its total capitalisation at £242.7 billion, which compares with a figure of £17 billion almost exactly a decade ago as the FT 30 share index hit a lowest level of 146.

Over the past six months the index has risen 250 points because of rising dividends, the boost for many companies' profits from a falling pound and optimistic projections of growth continuing in 1985.

The market's enthusiasm was damped on Monday by the 1.5 per cent rise in base rates but since then the City has been cheered by evidence that the interest rate rise was enough to stabilise the pound. The move towards concerted intervention by major nations on the foreign exchange markets was another plus factor for sterling.

The FT All Share index also rose to a new record of 614.96 compared with 608.39 the night before and 499.55 a year ago.

A significant part of the rise in the FT 30 index was the 65p *jump in BTR shares after its* bid for Dunlop, and the market was also alive with talk and rising prices on other takeover fronts, and action from Pleasurama in its bid for Trident TV. American buyers were also active and the final spurt through 1,000 came after New York markets had opened.

Government stocks rose by over half a point as optimism grew that interest rates would move down next time, not up. In the money markets, the key interest rates remained stable, and the weekly Treasury bill rate jumped to only 11.4 per cent from last week's 10.1 per cent, which was said to be encouraging. It suggested that upward pressure on interest rates has ended for the moment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Internal CSO probe

THE Central Statistical Office is conducting an internal inquiry into a large discrepancy which is casting a cloud over its figures for industrial and commercial companies' income, spending, and net borrowing. A huge balancing item of minus £2.8 billion was required to reconcile yesterday's figures for a company financial surplus of £2.8 billion and company net borrowing of £900 million in the third quarter of last year.

SPECULATION mounted in the City last night that Burton Group is planning a takeover bid for John Collier, the High Street stores chain, which was bought by management from the previous owners UDS. Mr David Hall, managing director of Collier, said: "No bid has *been received and if it is it* will be vigorously defended." Burton said that any talk of a bid was "speculative," but the company's shares rose 14p to 471p on the rumours.

LADBROKE, Britain's biggest betting organisation has made a $13 million takeover of America's Detroit racecourse. The company is paying $3 million now with the balance spread over nine years, and hope legislation in Michigan will allow off-course betting linked to the track. Ladbroke, also believed to be looking for more US race tracks where there are more than 60,000 races a year compared with fewer than 3,000 in the UK.

FORD, the market leader in the UK, announced yesterday that the maximum retail prices of its cars are to be increased by an average of 3.95 per cent with effect from the beginning of next month.

Laker settlement offer on the cards

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

Hopes of an early settlement in the £1 billion legal action being brought by the liquidator of Laker Airways against a number of international airlines, including British Airways, *grew yesterday. The liquidator*, Christopher Morris of accountants Touche Ross, has indicated that he expects to receive a formal compensation offer within the next month.

BA which is negotiating directly with the larger creditors of the failed airline, is understood to believe that agreement can be reached by the end of this month, and the anti-trust action against it, and the other airlines, abandoned.

BA is thought to have offered creditors owed more than £50,000 a flat sum of £50,000 and 20p in the pound on all debts in excess of this. Monies due to creditors owed less than £50,000 would be paid in full.

An early settlement would allow the £1 billion privatisation of BA, postponed from its scheduled February launch because of the Laker action, to proceed in the first half of the 1985/86 fiscal year.

The total amount which BA is offering creditors of Laker appears to be about £70 million. It has not been made clear, whether BA, pressed by *the need for a quick settlement* to allow its privatisation to proceed, is negotiating on its own behalf, or on behalf of all the airlines named in the legal action, but it is unlikely that the other airlines would wish to be excluded from any out-of-court settlement.

The Laker Airways group has liabilities of £293 million, of which £264 million is owed to its bankers. Among the beneficiaries of the BA proposals would be the 14,000 Laker passengers who were stranded with tickets with a total value of £4 million when the airline was put into receivership.

They would be paid in full, as would many of the group's trade creditors who are owed £13 million, and the 2,500 former employees of Laker, who are owed £5 million.

Sir Freddie Laker himself, who was the sole Laker Airways shareholder apart from his wife, is thought to have been offered £3 million by BA as part of the settlement, on condition that he agrees to take no further action over the collapse of his airline.

The chances of the settlement being reached appear to be dependent upon the 60 creditors due more than £50,000 apiece accepting the terms of the BA offer.

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COMPANY BRIEFING

Painful haul out of the red

Gestetner, the international reprographic equipment manufacturer and distributor is dragging itself painfully out of the red, but the announcement of a modest improvement in profit, before further large-scale closure provisions in the year to November 3 was overshadowed by the proposal to give all shareholders full voting rights.

The shares soared by nearly half on the prospect that a bidder might move in for the widespread operations supplying office equipment in most industrial and developing countries.

Turnover increased to £366.7 million, most of the £23.5 million increase accruing in the second half. The strong dollar helped and profit contributions from the United States have begun again. Losses in Germany were also eliminated by some expensive closures, but similar treatment in France is not yet complete.

Pre-tax profit rose to £8.24 million, from £6.86 million. This was primarily the result of lower net interest outlays following the reduction in debt of well over £10 million, before adverse currency movements. Unfortunately, loss provisions in Germany and France then took £7.9 million net, an increase of nearly a third on

The dividend is unchanged at 1.32p net on each non-voting unit, including the 0.82p final. Earnings were 4.6 after a less weighty tax levy.

The "A" shares soared from 77p to 105p on the statement that the directors and controlling shareholders proposed that they should be given voting rights. The small ordinary share capital rose similarly to 130p a share and the total market valuation regained the £100 million mark, still not much more than half the level of six years ago.

Alexandra aims for Stock Market

Alexandra Workwear is coming to the stock market through an offer for sale next week at a time when the high ratings accorded to service-sector companies no longer contrast quite so much with manufacturers valuations. Supplying a host of small users of protective or uniform clothing, the company prides itself on the quick service it offers, but a main reason for the flotation is to raise funds for a new factory in Scotland.

At the 100p issue price for the 4.29 million shares being sold, with £2 million accruing to the company, the capital is being valued at £11.1 million. Sales in the year just ending will be £21 million, up from £16.83 million and maintaining the growth rate of a quarter a year achieved in several recent years. The exception was the flat recessionary period from 1980 to 1982 when sales were static and profit almost disappeared.

The explanation for the decline close to breakeven three years ago and subsequent rebound rests very largely with the determination to develop both new production methods and a much more aggressive marketing strategy, including moves into professional clothing, including suits.

It cost several millions in capital spending and extra interest charges. In addition start-up losses of £135,000 a year were incurred on distribution in Holland, where breakeven has only just been achieved.

The warehouse complex is in Bristol, where the original department store was located. The chairman and founder of the modern business, Granville Davis, foresaw the changes in demand for workwear from heavy-duty traditional overalls to a wide range of more comfortable, attractive and practical clothing. Now 3 million of the estimated 20 million working garments used in Britain are supplied and a 50 per cent capacity increase over two years is planned, with "careerwear" leading.

The 14 shops operated by the group, including one in London's Regent Street, have a turnover of £2 million. Shortage of production ruled out further expansion in this area recently. Exports have meanwhile risen to £1.4 million mainly to hospitals in the Middle East. Computerisation, both of production and mail order sales are behind the rapid growth rate and brochures are circulated to over seven times the 100,000 existing customers, none of whom take more than 2½ per cent of sales.

Forecast profit for the year ending on January 26 is £1.9 million, against £1.07 million previously and £332,000 in 1982-3. After 40 per cent tax, earnings of just over 11p a share are indicated, from which a 4.5p net dividend will be paid, including an interim 1.75p. The chairman and relatives will retain 40 per cent of the shares, which are likely to open at a good premium.

Testing deal

Cambridge Electronic Industries is paying £3.5 million for MTL Microtesting and MTL Microtech Semiconductors with most of the cash being raised by a vendor placing.

MTL is the leading semiconductor test house in Europe which made profits in the year to March 31 of £237,000 on turnover of £3.2 million. It can test, characterise, burn-in, and qualify integrated circuits, and is expanding its capability with new equipment which can test gate arrays. It has net tangible assets which were valued at £458,000 last March.

The deal will extend CEI's portfolio of products and services for the electronics industry, particularly in the rapidly growing "interconnection" activities. MTL's existing management will stay in place. The deal is expected to bring both new and shared customers to CEI and give more chance for expansion.

In short...

THOMAS Borthwick and Sons' chairman says the current year has started well. An early season in New Zealand and stable relationships with the unions produced conditions favourable to company's works and trading forecasts are encouraging. Management is taking "energetic action" in Australia but it is too early to say what effect this will have on the results of operations here this year.

MIDSUMMER Inns raised its profit from £44,000 (12 months) to £278,000 in the eight months to September, before an extraordinary credit of £221,000.

SPEYHAWK is spending £2 million on the acquisition of Oxleys (Windsor) which has three properties in Windsor. It plans to sell the company's local newspaper business to Argus Press for £501,000.

STANDARD Securities' investment portfolio has been revalued at just over £24 million. The final dividend is up from 2.2p to 2.5p, making 3.65p against 3.2p for the year.

BUTTERFIELD Harvey will be writing to shareholders soon on the bid from Technology Inc.

GM FIRTH now has 49.98 per cent of Porter Chadburn.

Edited by Tony May

Institutional buyers push index over 1,000

THE MARKETS

Overseas and domestic institutional buyers continued to push funds into UK stocks again yesterday taking the FT 30-share index to four points over the 1,000 level. The trading sessions was given added stimulus by another spate of takeover bids, the most exciting of which was the suprise offer by BTR for Dunlop, which only returned from suspension on Thursday after the reorganisation proposals master-minded by Sir Michael Edwardes.

The early part of the day was taken up by speculators searching for other takeover candidates but after lunch big buying from America gave shares a fresh push to peak levels, with stock shortage again accounting for some of the sharper rises. BTR, which produced a profits and dividend forecast with the Dunlop terms, of just over 20p, climbed 80p to 697p. Dunlop, opened at 24p, but almost immediately advanced to finish at 35½p, up 4p, on rumours that a Far Eastern predator may launch a counter-offer.

Close on the heels of the BTR/Dunlop announcement came news of a recommended offer of 240p from Pleasurama for Trident TV. Trident jumped 35p to 241p, while Pleasurama eased 8p to 385p. Government stocks staged a recovery of over half-a-point as optimism grew that the next move in interest rates would be downwards following the meeting of finance ministers in Washington.

Stores sighed with relief on news that the mortgage rate increase was to be limited to between 1 per cent and 1¼ per cent. Rises here ranged to 10p, but against the ernd MFI slipped 12p to 234p after comment on the figures and the chairman's warning on margins.

Among firm newsagents W. H. Smith A soared 26p to 206p in belated response to a press article on Thursday suggesting that a consortium may launch a Woolworth-type takeover. Newspapers remained buoyant on speculative interest and recent good figures. Banks were largely neglected.

Main changes were: Dunlop 35½p up 4p; Dunlop Pref 73p up 23p; BTR 697p up 80p; Trident TV 241p up 35p; Pleasurama 385p down 8p; MFI 234p down 12p; W. H. Smith "A" 206p up 26p; Gestetner "A" 104p up 26p.

Turnover for January 17 was: Number of bargains 25,122; value £500.417 million.

● Paris: A wave of afternoon profit taking eroded early gains, leaving the market mixed to lower at the close. The general market indicator finished the session with a 0.14 per cent decline. But advancing shares led declines 80 to 76, with 24 French issues unchanged.

● Frankfurt: Strong foreign demand lifted the Commerzbank index 16.10 to a new record high of 1167.90.

● Hong Kong: Share prices plunged in volatile trading as local investors resumed profit-taking. Hang Seng Index: 1360.33 (1388.42).

● Tokyo: Stock prices were mixed to better in heavy trading, as prices rebounded from a drop Thursday. Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 11,910.06 (11,887.19).

● Money markets: Shortage of nearby money anchored the nearer periods, and the key 3 month interbank term deposit stayed on 12 1/16 - 12 per cent. Longer dates were helped downward in the early stages by some sterling CD buyers' nibbling at nine and 12 months. With rates about off, the movement was checked by the apperance of a certain amount of stock. There was little further activity after lunch.

FT Ordinary Share Index up 17.2 at 1004.4. FT-SE 100 Index up 17.5 at 1277.9. ound: 1.1222; DM 3.57; Fr 10.93. Gold: $307. Account: January 14 to 25. FT All Share Index up 6.57 at 614.96. Sterling Index 71.3 (1975=100). RPI 358.8 (November) up 4.9 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,241 per tonne; three months £1,242 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £9,720 per tonne; three months £9,740 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £373 per tonne; three months £329.75 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £719 per tonne; three months £715 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 557p per troy oz; three months 573.50p.
Rubber: Spot 66p per kilo; Feb £635 per tonne; Mar £645 per tonne; Apr £655 per tonne.
Coffee: Jan £2,365 per tonne; Mar £2,379 per tonne; May £2,373 per tonne; July £2,380 per tonne; Sept £2,380 per tonne; Nov £2,382 per tonne.
Cocoa: Mar £2,074 per tonne; May £2,084 per tonne; July £2,082 per tonne; Sept £2,079 per tonne; Dec £1,999 per tonne; Mar £1,987 per tonne.

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	Bid	off
Abbey Unit Trust		
American	a126.5	134.6
Comm & Gen	77.0	82.4
General	a102.8	109.9
Gilt & Fxd	a110.4	116.8
Hi Income	a70.3	74.8
Japan	170.8	182.5
UK Grwth	67.6	72.7
Worldwide	161.7	172.0
Allied Hambro		
Allied Cap	190.8	202.9
Allied 1st	159.3	169.5
Am Spec Sits	57.6	61.9
Assets	157.6	167.1
Equity	a95.3	101.7
Far East	139.8	148.2
Growth	102.9	109.0
Gov Secs	27.8	29.0
Balanced	272.3	289.8
do Acc	409.2	433.8
High Inc	178.4	189.1
High Yld	114.5	121.4
Income Ex	97.5	103.6
Internatl	a66.8	70.8
Japan	a69.5	73.7
Nat Min Com	93.2	98.8
Overseas	a149.8	158.9
Pacific	a124.4	132.2
Recovery	53.8	57.1
Secs of Am	179.3	190.7
Smaller Cos	a91.0	98.3
Sec Smaller	125.8	133.3
Small Co Ex	157.4	166.8
Technology	92.2	97.7
USA Exempt	295.9	313.5
Arbuthnot Securities		
Comm Sh	81.3	86.9
East & Int	104.0	111.5
Fin & Prop	42.8	45.7
Foreign Grwth	67.0	71.8
High Inc	55.4	59.2
N Am & Int	78.2	83.6
PrefShare	a24.2	25.8
Smaller Cos	84.3	90.1
Archway		
Archway Fd	206.8	219.5
Barclays Unicorn		
America	76.8	80.8
Australia	a110.7	117.3
do Acc	152.2	161.8
Capital	163.4	173.8
Exempt	308.1	327.7
Extra Inc	53.3	56.8
Financial	177.1	188.4
500 Trust	185.0	196.8
General	100.3	106.7
Gilt & Fixed	50.5	52.8
Gr Pacific	102.2	108.8
do Acc	103.1	109.6
Growth Accum	133.1	141.5
Income Trust	232.7	247.5
Pref Accum	99.7	106.0
Recovery	135.2	143.9
Trustee Fd	a80.6	85.7
Worldwide	a111.2	118.2
Baring Brothers		
Stratton	468.2	495.6
do Acc	685.2	713.7
Bridge		
Income	99.3	108.6
Cap Inc	99.8	107.4
do Acc	127.1	136.7
Exempt	a226.0	240.0
Britannia		
Am Growth	84.9	90.6
Am Small Cos	22.4	23.9
Am Spec Sits	72.0	78.8
Australian	79.1	84.4
Commod	141.4	150.8
Extra Inc	a49.1	52.4
Far East	42.4	45.2
Gilt	a24.8	26.1
Gold & Gen	a20.9	21.6
Hong Kong Perf	a25.8	27.5
Inc & Gr	148.3	158.2
Jap	a41.1	43.8
National	142.9	152.4
Preference	17.3	19.0
Smaller Cos	106.1	112.2
Spec Mkt Sits	74.0	78.9
Un Energy	a62.1	66.2
World Tech	48.7	51.9
Brown Shipley		
Exempt	156.3	168.8
Financial	92.5	99.8
Growth	106.0	115.2
do Acc	161.4	175.4
High Inc	46.9	51.0
Income	52.1	56.6
N Amer	a51.9	55.8
Recovery	25.7	27.9
Unit Fd	47.2	51.2
Canada Life		
Can Dist	—	—
do Acc	—	—
Inc Dist	—	—
do Acc	—	—
Chieftain		
American	a44.7	47.9
Australian	21.1	22.6
Basic	38.9	41.7
Far East	70.2	75.0
High Inc	39.9	42.7
Inc & Growth	38.9	41.7
Internatl	60.5	64.7
Pref & Gilt	a18.5	19.8
Small Cos	a33.1	35.4
County Bank UT Managers		
Capital Acc	219.7	233.7
Extra Inc	122.1	129.8
Financial	a82.9	88.3
Growth	a218.3	232.2
Income	98.0	104.2
Portfolio	141.3	147.9
Smaller Cos	140.0	148.9
Crescent Group		
American	69.8	74.8
High Dist	78.0	83.4
Internatl	169.3	181.1
Resources		
Tokyo	110.8	118.5
Discretionary		
Income	74.3	78.5
Duncan Lawrie Fund Managers		
Growth	21.5	23.1
Income	a43.0	46.2
Overseas	79.3	85.3
Equity & Law		
Eq & Law	183.4	195.1
Far East Acc	99.2	105.5
Gilts & Fixed	73.1	76.9
do Acc	81.6	85.8
High Inc	134.9	143.5
do Acc	157.2	167.2
N Am Acc	128.8	137.0
UK Growth	101.5	107.9
do Acc	111.6	118.7
Fidelity		
American	88.7	94.4
Am Spec Sits	51.7	55.1
Managed	83.2	88.6
Grwth & Inc	67.0	71.3
Japan	84.6	89.7
Max Inc Eq	54.0	57.5
Spec Sits	95.3	101.4
Framlington		
Amer & Gen	176.0	187.2
do Acc	177.8	189.0
Amer Turnrd	180.0	191.4
do Acc	184.0	195.6
Capital	141.6	150.6
do Acc	165.4	175.8
Conv & Gilt	a74.6	79.2
do Acc	93.0	98.8
Extra Inc	a106.6	113.8
Income	83.0	88.2
Inter Growth	137.4	146.0
do Acc	150.4	160.0
Japan & Gen	58.6	62.2
do Acc		
Recovery	a91.4	97.2
do Acc	97.0	103.0
Friends Provident		
Equity	156.7	165.8
do Acc	252.8	267.2
Fixed In	99.2	105.1
do Acc	104.3	111.5
G & A Trust Managers		
G & A	87.8	93.0
Gartmore Fund Managers		
American	80.5	85.7
British	41.3	44.0
Commodity	64.6	68.8
Extra Inc	35.5	37.8
Far East	85.3	90.8
Gilt	a26.9	28.0
Global	111.3	118.5
High Inc	100.3	106.8
Inc	47.1	50.2
Insurance	a35.35	37.78
Japan	74.8	79.5
Special Sit	65.5	69.7
Govett		
Inte'al Grth	63.0	67.3
Guardian Royal Exchange		
Gilt	111.8	116.2
Grwth Eq	150.1	159.7
Guardhill	237.9	246.5
N American	121.6	129.4
Pacific	142.2	151.3
Prop Share	a144.2	153.5
Small Cos	153.6	163.7
G.T. Unit Managers		
Capital	68.9	73.7
European	137.5	147.1
Far East	83.4	89.3
Income	62.0	66.4
Internatl	104.8	112.1
Japan	147.0	157.3
Pension	142.1	148.8
Tech & Grth	73.8	79.0
US & Gen	47.7	51.1
Liq Reserve	a98.5	100.0
Henderson Administration		
Am Smaller Cos	50.8	54.6
Australian	66.0	70.0
Capital Grwth	46.6	49.8
do Acc	52.4	56.0
European	127.7	135.1
Euro Ex	254.9	265.5
Extra Inc	a118.0	126.2
Financial	86.5	92.6
Fixed	a52.0	55.0
Gilt	43.9	46.2
Global Tech	a97.6	104.4
High Inc	122.0	130.5
High Inc Ex	a89.3	93.0
Inc & Assets	76.7	82.0
Inc & Growth	a100.1	107.1
do Acc	a185.9	198.8
Internatl	115.9	124.0
Japan	90.1	96.0
Japan Ex	89.0	93.2
N American	a134.3	144.4
N Amer Ex	79.3	83.0
Oil & Nat	75.8	80.3
Pref & Gilt	a46.4	49.6
Recovery	78.9	84.4
Smllr Cos Ex	88.4	92.1
Smllr Cos Div	69.4	74.3
Special Sit	93.8	100.3
do Acc	129.2	138.2
Worldwide	255.0	268.4
Hill Samuel		
British	392.2	417.3
Capital	74.0	78.8
Dollar	160.2	170.5
European	a92.0	98.0
Far East	98.2	104.5
Financial	250.3	266.3
General	286.0	301.0
Gilt & Fixed	26.8	27.9
do Growth	36.9	38.4
High Yld	47.8	50.9
Income	57.6	61.5
Internatl	a95.4	101.5
Japan Tech	30.9	32.9
Nat Res	30.6	32.6
Security	132.2	140.7
Special Sit	75.5	80.7
James Finlay		
Fd of Invest	81.4	87.5
do Acc	117.7	128.5
High Inc	52.0	55.9
Wld Energy	16.6	17.8
do Acc	22.7	24.4
Key Fund Managers		
Eq and Gen	159.5	171.6
Fixed	59.7	63.8
Income	145.3	156.3
Legal & General		
Equity	209.4	224.0
do Acc	315.7	337.6
Gilt	64.7	68.5
Lloyds Bank		
Balanced	142.4	152.2
do Acc	244.2	261.1
Energy	51.3	54.8
do Acc	54.7	58.5
Extra Inc	110.1	117.7
do Acc	185.8	198.7
Income	190.3	203.5
do Acc	356.0	380.7
N Amer	93.9	100.4
do Acc	99.8	106.7
Sm Cos & Recr	128.9	137.8
do Acc	141.5	151.3
World Grth	151.8	162.3
do Acc	210.4	225.0
Midland		
Capital	a63.0	67.2
Cap & Gen	123.3	131.5
Gilt & Fixed	49.5	51.7
High Yld	113.4	120.9
Income	124.7	133.0
Japan & Pac	165.0	175.9
N American	90.4	96.4
Overseas	78.2	83.4
Minster		
Exempt	208.9	214.9
Minster	92.8	95.8
M & G Group		
American	184.6	195.7
do Acc	208.6	221.1
Amer Recov	215.2	223.1
do Acc	229.5	243.3
Australia	89.4	96.6
do Acc	96.5	104.2
Charibond	105.2	274.9
Charifund	281.7	284.6
Commodity	188.6	199.9
do Acc	239.5	253.9
Comp. Grth	310.7	329.3
Conv. Grth	254.2	269.4
Conv Inc	146.0	154.8
Dividend	282.4	299.3
do Acc	784.3	831.4
European	a105.9	112.3
do Acc	125.2	132.7
Extra	159.5	169.1
do Acc	321.0	340.3
Far East	156.2	165.6
do Acc	186.8	198.0
Fd of Invest	180.3	191.1
do Acc	273.7	290.1
General	a432.3	458.2
do Acc	877.2	929.8
Gilt	55.4	58.2
do Acc	75.6	79.4
High Inc	a215.1	228.0
do Acc	545.8	578.5
Japan	468.5	506.0
do Acc	499.9	539.9
Int Growth	639.1	677.4
do Acc	980.3	1039.1
Midland	364.4	386.3
do Acc	863.7	915.5
Pension	328.1	342.9
Recovery	a219.4	232.0
do Acc	274.3	296.2
2nd Gen	a490.8	520.2
do Acc	930.9	986.8
Smallr Cos	491.9	521.4
do Acc	741.8	786.3
Trustee	310.7	332.4
National Provident		
Growth	151.0	160.7
do Acc	235.9	251.0
Overseas	429.5	454.5
do Acc	514.6	544.6
Nel Managers		
Nelstar		
do Gilt	65.4	67.1
do High Inc	59.7	62.8
do Intntl	—	—
Oppenheimer Fund Managers		
Practical	40.5	43.1
do Acc	71.0	75.6
Pearl		
Growth	64.3	68.5
do Acc	93.4	99.4
Income	82.6	87.9
Pearl	90.5	96.3
do Acc	151.2	160.9
Prolific		
Far East	119.2	127.7
Extra Inc	a56.7	60.3
High Inc	120.4	128.1
Internatl	87.8	94.1
N Amer	114.6	122.8
Spec Sits	a137.3	146.1
Technology	126.0	135.0
Prudential Trust		
Prudential	311.8	331.7
Reliance Unit Trust		
British Life	129.0	136.4
Reliance Inc	80.7	86.2
do Acc	103.1	110.1
Ridgefield		
Income	a101.8	108.3
Internatl	a221.6	235.8
Rothschild Asset Management		
America	239.4	252.0
do Acc	254.3	267.6
Energy Res	178.3	187.6
Income	310.7	327.0
Smaller Cos	105.0	110.5
Save and Prosper Group		
Capital	a84.7	90.5
Comm Share	54.1	57.5
Energy Ind	53.8	57.2
European Grwth	55.6	58.1
Exploration	35.3	37.5
Financial	63.6	68.0
Gilt Growth	70.6	71.4
Gilt Income	51.4	54.2
High Return	a125.6	133.6
High Yld	111.3	118.4
Income	76.0	80.6
Internatl Bond	94.0	99.9
ITU	66.7	71.3
Japan	56.0	59.5
Japan Smllr Co	84.1	89.9
New Tech	a106.8	113.6
Scotbits	a89.5	95.7
Scotshares	117.1	124.5
Scotyield	105.6	112.3
SE Asia	98.4	104.6
Select Inter	60.5	64.6
Smaller Cos	111.2	118.4
Spec Sits	71.2	76.1
UK Equity	131.2	140.3
Universal	68.2	72.9
US Growth	61.3	65.2
Schroder Unit Trust		
American	107.9	115.0
do Acc	109.0	116.1
Australian	67.6	72.0
do Acc	71.3	76.0
Europe	62.4	66.5
do Acc	63.2	67.3
UK Equity	a76.3	81.3
do Acc	114.1	121.6
Gilt & Fixed	32.4	55.2
do Acc	69.7	73.5
Income	a126.7	135.0
do Acc	268.9	284.5
Internatl	87.2	92.9
do Acc	119.4	127.2
Smaller	a102.5	109.2
do Acc	105.7	112.6
Tokyo	127.7	136.1
do Acc	128.4	136.8
Pk & C Fund	N/A	N/A
Recovery	557.6	584.4
Spec Exempt	988.9	1054.2
Scottish Widows		
Pegasus	173.1	184.2
do Acc	191.9	204.2
Sun Alliance		
Equity Trust	309.5	329.2
Target Managers		
Amer Eagle	a72.1	77.1
Commodity	95.4	102.6
Energy	a45.7	48.9
Equity	96.4	102.8
Eq Exempt	550.3	587.0
Extra Inc	90.0	96.3
Financial	189.6	202.2
Gilt Cap	200.6	210.1
Gilt Inc	100.3	105.0
Income	a55.5	59.4
Investment	98.0	104.5
Met & Slng	29.5	31.5
Pacific	71.8	76.8
Preference	a14.8	15.9
Pref'nal	a421.1	449.2
Special Sit	76.3	81.6
Worldwide Cap	a110.2	117.5
Trades Union		
T.U.U.T.	122.5	129.0
Transatlantic		
Coleman	352.5	369.2
do Acc	556.8	583.1
Fielding	176.5	189.4
do Acc	188.9	202.6
Tyndall Managers		
Australian	69.7	74.6
do Acc	71.4	76.5
Capital	a264.4	280.4
do Acc	452.6	479.8
Exempt	212.0	225.8
do Acc	446.8	476.0
Far Eastern	139.1	149.4
do Acc	147.3	158.2
Fin & Prop	37.1	39.6
Gilt Cap	108.2	112.5
do Acc	116.6	121.3
Gilt Inc	a101.0	104.8
do Acc	146.3	151.9
High Yield	39.3	41.9
do Acc	79.3	84.5
Income	a168.8	177.0
do Acc	481.0	510.0
Internatl	128.8	137.2
do Acc	181.0	192.8
Natural Res	196.2	209.0
do Acc	275.6	293.6
N American	a110.0	117.8
do Acc	125.2	134.0
Preference	102.0	109.0
do Acc	233.6	248.8
Scottish	a294.8	314.0
do Acc	312.2	332.6
Smaller Cos	136.5	145.4
Special Sits	76.8	81.8
TSB Trust		
Extra Inc	85.2	90.7
General	a118.6	126.2
do Acc	187.9	199.9
Income	a154.1	[illegible]
do Acc	227.6	242.2
Intl	235.1	250.2
do Acc	283.7	301.9
Pacific	122.0	129.8
Select Opp	45.8	48.8
do Acc	48.9	52.1
Vanguard Trust		
Vanguard Grth	124.1	129.7
do Acc	175.3	183.1
Vang High Yld	134.0	141.1
Vang Trust	97.2	102.3
do Acc	139.5	146.8
Wardley Unit Trust Managers		
American	66.7	71.8
Australian	a40.5	43.6
Nat. Res	50.7	54.0
Far East	71.1	75.7
Income	58.3	62.7
Japan	71.6	77.0
Small Cos	105.0	113.0
Technol	37.4	40.3
UK Trust	98.0	102.2

a Ex dividend
b Offer assented
c Non assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

British Funds

(short) Treasury		
3pc 1985	97¼	+1/32
9½pc 86C	95¼	+3/32
11¾pc 1985	100⅛	
15pc 1985	a100 15/64	
Exchequer		
12pc '85 Cnv	98 15/16	
(medium) Transport		
3pc 78–88	81⅜	+⅛
Treasury		
10pc C86	98⅛	+3/32
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	94 11/32	+⅛
10½pc 1987	99⅛	
10½pc 1988	97⅛	+⅛
11pc 1991	99⅜	+⅛
11¾pc 1986	100⅛	+⅛
12¼pc 1985	100⅛	
12¼pc 1990	107¼	+⅛
13½pc 1987	a103⅛	+3/16
10½pc 1987	98 5/16	+⅛
13½pc 1992	112⅛	+⅛
13½pc 1994	112⅛	+⅛
14pc 1986	104⅛	+⅛
2½pc 1986	89⅛	+⅛
Funding		
5¼pc 87–91	81⅛	+⅛
6½pc 85–87	90⅛	+⅛
Treasury		
10pc 1987	92⅛	+3/16
2pc IL 88	108⅜	+⅛
10½pc 1989	96 9/16	
3pc 1987	89⅛	+⅛
3pc 1989	83⅛	+⅛
5pc 86–89	86⅛	+⅛
7¾pc 85–88	89⅛	+⅛
8¼pc 87–90	88⅛	+⅛
10pc 90C	89⅛	+⅛
8¾pc 88–89	90 1/16	+⅛
9¾C88	98⅛	+⅛
10pc 1992	93⅛	+⅛
10pc C92	89⅛	+⅛
10½pc 87C	a98⅛	+⅛
11¼pc 1989	a99 13/32	+⅛
11pc 1991	100⅛	+⅛
12pc 1986	101⅛	+⅛
13pc 1990	105 11/16	+⅛
(long) Exchequer		
10½pc 1995	a91⅛	+⅛
10½pc 1997	a93⅛	+⅛
12pc 1998	105⅛	+⅛
12pc 99–02	a104⅛	+⅛
12pc 13–17	115⅛	+⅛
12½pc 1992	106⅛	+⅛
12¼pc 1999	109⅛	+⅛
12pc 1986	a103⅛	+⅛
13½pc 1996	112⅛	+⅛
15pc 1997	124⅛	+⅛
9¾pc 1998	a89⅛	+⅛
9¾pc 88A	90⅛	+⅛
Funding		
6pc 1993	77⅛	+⅛
3½pc 99–04	47⅛	+⅛
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	108⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 2003	96⅛	+⅛
2pc IL 2006	a99⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 16	a92⅛	+⅛
5pc 08–12	60⅛	+⅛
6¾pc 95–8	72⅛	+⅛
7¾pc 12–15	a77⅛	+⅛
8pc 02–06	81⅛	+⅛
8¾pc 1997	88⅛	+⅛
9pc 1994	88⅛	+⅛
9pc 1992–96	89⅛	+⅛
9½pc 1999	88⅛	+⅛
10pc 99C	96⅛	+⅛
10½pc 1999	96⅛	+⅛
11¾pc 01–04	107⅛	+⅛
11¾pc 03–07	a106⅛	+⅛
12pc 1995	a101	+⅛
12pc 1997	107⅛	+⅛
12pc 1993	104⅛	+⅛
12¾pc 2005	114⅛	+⅛
12¾pc 1992	a104⅛	+⅛
12¾pc 1995	108⅛	+⅛
13pc 2000	115⅛	+⅛
13½pc 1997	a110⅛	+⅛
13¾pc 04–08	124⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 2001	96⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 2011	a101⅛	+⅛
13½pc 1993	112⅛	+⅛
13½pc 00–03	a117⅛	+⅛
14pc 1996	a113	+⅛
14pc 98–01	118⅛	+⅛
14½pc 1994	127⅛	+⅛
15½pc 1996	124⅛	+⅛
15½pc 1998	139⅛	+⅛
2½pc 2020	97⅛	+⅛
Redemption		
3pc 86–96	69⅛	+⅛
Gas		
3pc 90–95	63⅛	
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	a24⅛	
4pc	38⅛	+⅛
Conversion		
3½pc	42⅛	
10pc 02	95⅛	+1
Treasury		
2½pc	24⅛	
3pc	29⅛	
War Loan		
3½pc	a34⅛	+⅛

Commnwlth Bnds

NZ		
7¼pc 83–86	£95⅛	–⅛
S Rhodesia		
2½pc 65–70	£180	

Corps & Boards

Westminster 3pc 20	£241	
Met. Water 3pc 'B'	£37	

Banks & Disc Hses

Allied Irish	135	+4
Ansbacher H.	83	+5
ANZ Gp	385	
Bank Ireland	265	+3
Bnk Scot	473	
Barclays Bnk	587	
Brown Ship	420	
Cater Allen	518	+15
Clive Dis	67	+1
First Nat	82⅛	
Gerrard & Na	329	+15
Guide D&M	55	
Guinness Pt	a74	+2
Hambros Shs	180	
Hill Saml	251	+1
H.K. & Shai	102	–3
King & Sh	187	+1
Kleinwrt	468	+3
Lloyds	529	
Mercury Sec	433	–5
Midland	347	
Nat West	637	+3
Rea Bros 'A'	78	
Ryl Bk Scot	a246	+18
Schroders	793	
S. St. Asb	63	+1
Std Chtrd	499	–2
Union Dis	723	+20
Westons	a253	–2
Wintrust	258	+1

Financial Trusts

Argyle Tst	a19	+1
Assd Aur	295	+5
Brit Arrow	110	+1
Charl'se	108	–2
Daily M Tr A	£11	+19/32
Dalgety	493	
Exco	613	
Inchcape	456	
Lon Inv Tst	38	–1
M & G Hdgs	a800	+15
Manson Fin	25	
Martin RP	a350	
Nash Secs	a43	
Prov Fin	196	
Slater Darby	65	–1
Smith Bros	a115	+5
Wagon Fin	60	+2

Breweries

Alld Lyons	a172	+2
Bass	a506	
Bell A	158	
Belhaven	44	
Bodd Brew	81	–1
Brown M	a278	
Bulmer HP	a169	
Davenport	a263	
Devenish	a545	
Distillers	a308	+2
Forshams	a435	+5
Greenall W	a181	–1
Greene King	a164	
Guinness	234	–1
Highland Dis	a64	
Higsons Brew	a105	+2
Invergordon	125	+1
Marston Thom	a82	
Scot Nw Brw	a147⅛	+7
Try City Ltd	a80	
Vaux Brew	a273	
Whitbread A	220	
Whitbrd Inv	184	
Wolver & Dud	294	

Comm & Ind

AAH	129	
AC Cars	36	
AGB Res	232	–2
AI Ind	35⅛	+⅛
APV Hdgs	240	
Aaronson	79	
Adwest	154	
Alcan Al	£25⅛	–⅛
Allen WG	22	
All Colloid	a246	+7
Alli Plant	22	
Amber Day	101	
AMEC	252	+3
Amersham	383	+1
Amstrad	66	–2
Anchor Ch	206	+1
Ang TV–A	163	
Ang–A Ind	a81	
[illegible]	40	
Aremco	27	
Argyll Grp	a285	+5
Arlington	a170	
Assoc Eq	37	–1
Arncliffe	53	
Ash & Lacy	417	+2
Ass Book	385	+2
Ass B Eng	14	
Ass B Fds	a214	+10
AB Ports	217	–3
Ass Dairies	a160	
Ass Eng	a129	
Ass Fish	101	
Ass News	650	+37
Ass Paper	a192	
Astra	81	–1
Audiotnics	7	
Ault & W	35	
Auto Prod	46	–1
Avana	593	+12
Avon Rbr	a225	
BAT Ind	353	–2
BBA	58	+1
BPB Ind	a263	
BSR	185	+2
BTR	692	+75
Babcock	161	
Bailey B	28	
Bailey CH	26⅛	
Baird (W)	338	
Bairstow	a79	
Baker P	a188	
Baars	62	+2
Barbican	41	
Barker, Dob	10⅛	
Barr & W A	87	
Barratt Dv	92	–2
Barrow HP	48	
Bassett (G)	a158	+3
Bath & Ptl	298	+1
Beazer CK	173	
Beattie A	106	
Beazer	388	+2
Beckman (A)	86	
Beecham	a378	+3
Belam	163	+8
Bemrose	173	–3
Bentalls	76	
Bertld SW	180	
Berisfords	a116	
Bespak	a281	
Bestobell	325	
Betac	60	
Bett Bros	18	
Bibby (J)	285	
BICC	265	+2
Biddle	153	
Billam J	81	
Birmid Q	92	+1⅛
B'ham Mint	a215	
BL Ord	40	
Black P	215	
Blkwd Hdg	23	+1
Blagden Inds	132	
Blundell	78	
Blue Circle	481	+6
Blundell P	161	
BOC Grp	301	+5
Bolton Txt	15	
Booker M	251	–1
Boosey H	133	
Boots	188	+2
Borthwick	a26	
Boulton W	81	+1⅛
Bowater	235	+3
Bowthorpe	460	+15
Braithwaite	124	+6
Brammer	297	+8
Brasway	a49	
Brick Dud	a68	
Bridon	120	+1
Br Aero	350	+2
Br BZ Chm	12	
Br Car A	a90	
BET dfd	331	+6
BHS	258	+9
Br Mohair	108	
BPC	201	+6
Br Tar Prd	a64	+1
Br Vending	41	
Br Vita	175	+3
Brunt Eng	11	
Brooke Bond	125	
Brook St	88	
Brown & J	16	
Brn Bv Kent	95	+1
Brown (J)	27	
Brown T'wse	a132	+1
Brunning	165	
Bryant (h)	63	
Bryant	74	+1
BSG Intl	221	
Bullough	435	
Bulmer Lb	76	
Bunzl	448	+3
Burco	20	+2
Burnett Hl	a190	+5
Burns And	a44	+2
Burton Ord	a487	+10
Btfield Hvy	28	+3⅛
Cable Wire	517	+5
Cadbury Sch	162	
Cam Elec Ind	373	
Camford	30	
Canning W	94	
Cape Inds	35	+1
Carclo Eng	a200	+2
Carless Cpl	a160	+2
Carpets Int	43	
Carr (J)	62	
Carr's Mill	a122	
Casket S	44	
Castings	a61	+1
Cattle's	25	+1
Cem Rod	57	+2
Cen & Shr	91	
Central TV	288	
C.H. Inds	a49	
Ch'lain Php	78	
Chang Tnn	135	+5
Chloride	31	
Christie Tyl	40⅛	
Christies In	464	+10
Clay (R)	105	
Clyde Burz	125	
Coalite Ch	a227	+1
Coates Ord	169	+2
Coates 'A'	156	+1
Coats Pats	184	
600 Group	a89	+1
Collins Ord	705	
Collins 'A'	563	–2
Comben	77	
Comb Eng	92	–1
Comfort Hts	a98	
Cope	297	–2
Concentric	64	+1
Cookson	488	+8
Cooper Ind	111	
Cope Allm	151	
Corah	63	
Cosalt	a88	
Costain Grp	378	+2
Countryside	222	
Court Furn	131	
Courtaulds	145	–1
Cwn de St	37	
Crest N'son	88	+1
Croda Intl	139	+1
do dfd	90	
Crown Hse	a123	
Crystalate	a228	+8
Curry	611	+7
DRG	165	–1
Dale Elec	81	
Daks Gwtn	Suspended	
DPCE	435	
Davis, NM	a191	
Davies (G)	116	
Davy Corp	91	+5
Dews Int	a282	
De La Rue	845	+10
Debenhams	214	+6
Dee Corp	200	
Delta Met	115	–1
Deritend St	a116	
Desoutter	143	
Dewhirst	90	
Dewhurst & J	a18	
Diamond S	30	
Dixons Grp	554	+7
Dobson Pk	a83	–3
Dom Hlds	78	
Dominion Int	a87	
Douglas R	55	
Dreds Mills	63⅛	
Dowty	207	–8
Dubilier	a202	+2
Dufay Bit	37	
Dunhill	293	+8
Dunlop	35⅛	+4
Duport	30⅛	
ERF	38	
E Lancs P	a113	
Eata Prdce	385	
Edbro	a112	
Elbar Ind	50	
Elco Hldr	102	
EIS	178	
Elect Comps	330	
Elect Mchs	44	+2
Elect Rents	50	+1
Elliot B	71⅛	–2
Ellis & Evd	235	
Ellis Gold	82	+1
Elswick H	181	
Emess Light	193	
Energy	161	
Empire Strs	108	
Eng China	282	–1
Erith	66	
Eur Ferries	147	
do 5pc prf	113	
Eurotherm	350	+10
Excalibur	9	
Extel	312	–3
Exp Metal	100	
Farnell El	192	+5
FEB Intl	108	
Fenner	a127	–1
Ferranti	a168	–2
Ferguson	140	
Fine Art	a80	
Finlan J	a93	
Finlay J	141	–1
First Castle	176	+2
First Leisure	256	
Fisons	298	+5
Fitch Lvll	208	+2
Fleet	242	+8
Foltes NV	22⅛	
Ford (Mtr)	27	
Forminster	a151	
Foseco M	225	+6
Foster Bros	118	
Fothergill	140	+3
Freemans	186	
Friedland DG	173	
French T	67	
French KR	133	+2
Galliford	69	
Garford L	98	
Garton Eng	68	–4
Gears G	165	+17
GEI Intl	a87	
Gen Elect	212	+4
Gestetner A	108	+28
Gill & Duff	161	–3
Glaxo	£11 51/64	+7/64
Gleeson	a238	
Glynwed	185	
Goldbs (A)	a55	
Gomme	32	
Grampian	95	
Granada	196	
Grand Met	300	–3
Grattan W	174	+2
GUS Ord	a712	+5
GUS 'A'	a702	+5
Greenbank	34	+1
Greenfield	48	
Greenwell	151	
GKN	209	+4
HAT Grp	a101	
HTV NV	129	
Habitat M	a370	+6
Haden	196	+4
Hall Eng	122	
Hall (Mat)	a316	
Halma	a225	+2
Halstead J	71	+2
Hampson	13⅛	
Hanson Tr	a246	+11
Hargreaves	a105	+1
Harris Dwn	212	–2
Har & Cros	461	+13
Hrsen T C	70	
Hartwells	a97	+4
Hawker S	443	+14
Hawtin	a14⅛	
Heath Cer	142	+1
Heath Ord	a163	–5
Hestair	63	
Hewden S	37	
Hickmn P	a49	
Hickson	450	
Hinge & H	301	+3
Hill & Sm	74	
Hillards	354	
Hollas Gp	26	
Hollis Bros	71	+6
Holt Lloyd	a78	
Home Charm	278	+4
Hopkinson	138	
Horizon Tvl	139	
Hse of Frs	318	+2
Hse of Lrs	122	
How'd Mac	12	
Howden Gp	82	+1
Hstock Jsn	265	
Illwth Mrs	51	
Illwth Mrs A	61	
ICI	786	
IMI	105	+1
ICL		
Imperial Gp	204	–1
Ingram H	a100	+5
Initial	518	+2
Int Thom Org	529	+2
Jessups	83	
J'son Clars	435	
Johnson FB	13	+⅛
J'son Mtty	73	–⅛
Johnston	180	+5
Jones & Sh	52	
Jones E	86	–2
Jones Strd	140	
Jourdan T	130	
Kalamazoo	32	
Kennedy B	278	+3
Kenning	106	+1
Kwikfit	31	
Kwik Save	174	–2
LCP	c115	+3
LRC Int	124	+1
Ladbroke	279	+7
Ladies Pr	33	
Laing 'A'	218	
Laird Group	153	
Lake & Elt	581	+1
Lambt Hwth	203	
Laporte Ind	405	+2
Lawtex	50	
Lee Grp	a240	+12
Lex Service	318	+5
Leyland Pt	32⅛	+⅛
Lilley FJC	66	+1
Linread	28	
Lister	a54	
Lnl Oly Pst	250	+11
Lloyd (FH)	39	+⅛
Locker Thos	23⅛	
Logica	359	+2
Lon & Midl'd	a184⅛	+1
Lon Nor G	82⅛	
Lon Pk Htl	348	
Longton	a103	+1
Lonrho	165	+2
Lookers	93	
Lovell YJ	208	
Low & Bonar	250	
Low (Wm)	553	
Lowe R H	31	
Lucas Inds	a258	–4
MCD Grp	88	–1
MFI Furn	234	–12
MK Elec	321	
MY Dart	23	
Macarthys	156	
McC'dale	a176	+3
Mackay (H)	86	+3
McKechnie	134	
Magnet S	114	
Mant An	a147	
Mclntr Gbp	260	+7
Manders	168	+1
Marg Brz	52	
Manor Ntrs	11	
Marchwiel	280	
Marks & Spn	a127	+2
Marley	108⅛	
Marling Ind	a54⅛	
Marshalls H	a230	
Marsh'l Un	67	+2
Mn–Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	53	
Martonair	303	+2
Matthews B	284	
Maunders J	120	
May & Hass	a89	
Maynards	a250	
Menzies J	243	+12
Metal Box	384	–2
Metal Clos	150	+4
Metalrax	58	
Metamec	Suspended	
Meyer	a120	
Miller S	17	
Milletts	128	
Ms Intl	47	
M & Allen	355	
Mitchell CT	82	+1
Molins	150	+4
Monk A	a120	+1
More O'Fl	95	+2
Morgan Cr	197	+1
Moss Bros	330	
Mowlem	a220	
Muirhead	166	
Myson Grp	73	–1
NSS News	a110	+10
Negretti	13	
Neill & Spen	46	–1
Neill J	156	–8
Newarthill	640	+7
Newman–T	97	
Newmark	193	
News Intl	515	
Nichols Vim	285	
Norcros	a171	
North Eng	87	+1⅛
N. Foods	a228	+2
Norton Opax	d118	–2
Nova Kit	35	
Notts Manfg	222	
Nurdin & P	172	
Octopus Gp	875	+5
Office & El	155	+2
Ogilvy Mat	£31⅛	
Owen O	186	
Oxford Ins	298	–7
Parker Kn 'A	170	+3
Pkind Text	100	
Patterson Z	128	
do 'A'	128	
Pauls & W	a238	+3
Pearson (S)	655	+9
Peel Hldgs	288	–2
Peerless	92	
Peglr–Htly	a282	
Pentl'd Inds	402	
Pentos	36	+1
Petbow Hold	50	
Philcom	85	–1
Philips	£14⅛	
Phoenix Tmb	a132	
Photo–Me	£101	
Pifco Hlds	170	
Pilkington	a296	
Pittard	92	+5
Planet Grp	82	
Platignum	8	
Plaxton's	a81	
Pleasurama	385	–8
Plessey	196	
Plysu	a219	–1
Pockins	200	
Portals	530	
Porter Chad	112	
Powell Duff	448	+22
Pratt Eng	52	
Preedy	a107	–1
Presaic	158	
Priest (B)	81	
PoW Htls	106	
Pritchard	92	+1
Prop Hlds	188	
Queens Moat	50	
Quick H & J	46	
Rax Hldgs	a330	+9
Racal Elect	288	+14
Ransom Txt	25	
Rank Org	330	+12
Ranks Hov	a132	–1
RHP	a94	–2
Ransom S J	424	+5
Ratclf (FS)	50	
Rayback	26	+⅛
Readicut	27	
Reckitt & Co	545	–3
Redfearn	a76	+1
Redland	a281	
Reliance Kn	10	
Reed (A)–A	106	
Reed Exec	a127	
Reef Int	562	+8
Renold	521	+1
Rentokil	157	
Renwick	135	
Restmore	115	
Reuters	320	+8
Rexmore	a25⅛	
RPD Grp	97	
Rich Leics	37	
Rich West	19	
RMC Gp	376	
Roberts Adld	108	
Rhos (Ths)	50	
Rock PLC	10⅛	
Rockware	39	+1
Ropner H	137	
Rotaflex	156	
Rothmans In	a194	+1
Rowlinson	a33	
Rown Mack	355	–6
Ruberoid	210	
Rugby P C	134	+1
S & U Strs	21	
SGB Grp	164	–4
Saatchi C	920	+2
Sainsbury J	a298	+2
Sale Tilney	420	+10
Samuel–A	79	
Sandhurst	82	
Sangers	Suspended	
Saville G	82	–1
Savoy–'A'	405	
Scapa Group	a486	
Scholes	388	
SEET	157	+2
Sceteras	Suspended	
Sears Hldgs	90⅛	+2⅛
Securicor	264	+3
Securicor A	259	–2
Security S	264	–2
Sekers Intl	a38⅛	
Selincourt	17⅛	–⅛
Senior Eng	22⅛	
Sharna	63	
Shaw Cpt	a39	
Sileh Sm	41	
Sidlaw	a427	–2
Silentnight	a42	
Simon Eng	d248	
Sirdar	126	
Sketchley	365	
Smith DS	135	–1
Smith Hlgs	41	
Smith & Nep	224	+1
Smith WH A	206	+26
Smiths Inds	d188	+1
Smurfit (J)	140	
Solr' Law	38	–1
Sprry GW	36	
Spr & Jckr	136	+1
Spirax–Sarco	254	
Squirrel H	84	
Staff Potts	100	
Stag Furn	62	–1
Stakis (R)	184	
STC	270	–6
Stanley AG	44	
Star Comp	63	
Staveley Ind	318	–2
Std Sim A	a170	+5
Steel Bros	488	
Steetley	326	+1
Steinberg	a75	+1
Stewart Pl	89	
Strim Grp	6⅛	
Stocklake	132	+2
Stoth & Ptt	16⅛	
Strong & F	146	+2
Sumner	9⅛	
Sunbeam Wol	38	
Sutcliffe	29	
TI Group	252	+6
TACE	425	+20
Tarmac	500	
Tate & Lyle	493	+1
Tav Rotl	50	
Tlr Woodrow	388	
Telefusion	35	
Tele Rents	208	
Tesco	a233	–2
Text Jersey	65	
Thorn	a444	+5
Thor Brdz	17	
Tomkins FH	167	+6
Tootal	60⅛	
Tn Hotspur	78	
TZ Kml	27	+1
Trafgr Hse	a380	+11
Trans Dv	114	+1
Travis & A	288	
Trident 'A'	241	+35
Triplex FS	37	
Trusthouse	160	–1
Turner & N	115	
Turriff	313	+3
UBM	143	
UKO Int	a110	+1
Unigate	147	–2
Unilever	£11 45/64	
Utd Bisc	210	–1
Utd Parcels	85	+2
Utd News	318	+7
Utd Scient	a285	+7
Utd Wire	a118	
Valor	a179	+7
Vantona	286	–1
VG Instrs	280	
Vibroplant	150	
Vickers	228	+2
Vict Carpt	32	+1
Volex	a138	
WEI	a73	
Wadd J	a485	+7
Wade Potts	123	
Wadkin	131	+8
Wagon Ind	134	
Ward Hldgs	134	
Ward White	223	
Waring & G	134	+1
Waterford	37⅛	+1
Wats Blk	208	
Webster	a135	
Wedgwood	217	+3
Weir Group	43	
Wellman Eng	13⅛	
Westland	a135	+2
Wettern	72	
Whessoe	a92	–2
Whitecroft	a148	–1
W'sale Fit	325	
Widney	a181	
Wigfall (H)	725	+5
Wilkes (J)	165	
Wilms Cdf	23⅛	–1
Wilms Hdgs	178	+3
Wimpey G	119	+2
Wolsy–Hughs	d328	+17
Welst Bz	225	+12
Woodhead	28	+1
Wdhse & Rx	23	+1⅛
Woolworth	615	+9
Yks Chem	66	+1

Insurance

Alexander	£22⅛	–⅛
Britannic	616	–5
Comm Un	203	+4
Equity & L	a236	
Genl Accdt	515	–3
GRE	668	
Heath C E	618	+15
Hogg Rob'son	a267	+8
Legl & Gn	56⅛	+3
Lon & Mcr	719	+2
Lon Utd	277	+3
Marsh & McL	a£21	+1 3/16
Minet Hldgs	250	+4
Pearl	£11 19/64	+3/64
Prudential	520	+4
Refuge	311	+1
Royal	438	+2
Sedgwick	376	+11
S. Wrtson	578	+20
Sun Al & L	413	–7
Sun Life	751	+2
Trade Indem	275	
Willis Fabr	606	+15
Windsor Sec	a48	

Investment Trusts

Alliance Trst	605	+2
Amr. Tr	131	
AA Secs C	280	+4
Ashdown	408	
Atlas AT	96	
Bankers In	a89	+2
Brit Amer	102	
Brit Assets	a193	–1
Brit IT	335	
City & Cml	34	
Cons Vent	96	
Derby Inc	109	
Derby Cap	102	+1
Drayton Japn	398	
Drayton Cons	276	
Drayton Prem	383	+1
Edin Am	193	
Electra	a115	
Eng & Int	235	
F&C Pac	149	
F & C Allianc	a91	
Family IT	194	+2
First Union	a170	
Fleming F.E.	311	+1
Fleming Mer	115	+1
Fleming Ovs	a119	
Fleming Tech	150	
For & Col	139	
Fundinvest	40	
Fundinvest C	276	
Gen Funds	873	
Gen Stock	148	
Globe IT	a260	–1
Hambros	145	
Hill (P) IT	226	
Inv in Suc	520	
Jove Cap	19	
do Inc	83	
Law Deb C	171	–1
Ldn. Gar	273	+7
Lon M Sec	a75	
M & G Inc	a210	–1
M & G Cap	457	+3
Merchants	93	
Murray Inc	a109	
do 'B'	105	
Murray Grth	a89	–1
Murray Int	117	
Murray SIM	172	
do 'B'	164	
Murray Vent	278	
N'Thn Inc	37⅛	+⅛
N'Thn Cap	29⅛	+1
River & M	129	
Rebeco	£78	+⅛
Rolinco	£161	+⅛
Scot Amer In	222	+1
Scot North	122	
Sec Alliance	530	+2
Shires IT	a245	
Smaller CPS	69	+1
Stockhldrs	a128	–1
Tr Aust IT	89	
Tr Ind Gen	145	–1
Tr Tech IT	92	
Tr Tr Trustee	a128	+1
Throgm Tr	220	–1
Travest Inc	76⅛	
Travest Cap	710	+5
Viking	74	

SA Mines

A–A Corp	a511	
AA Gold	$81	+1
Blyvoor GM	a$8 3/16	
Bracken M	165	+5
Buffs GM	a$53⅛	+1
Doornfntn	a$15⅛	+⅛
Driefontein	a$23⅛	
E Rand Pr	$7⅛	
Fr Stt Ged	a$22⅛	
Gencor	$10⅛	–⅛
GFSA	$12⅛	+⅛
Groot Prop	a$7⅛	
Harmony	$12⅛	
Hartebeest G	a450c	
Jburg Cls	$79	+2
Kloof GM	a$35⅛	+⅛
Leslie GM	228c	
Loraine	318c	+25
Mid Wit W	a$8⅛	–⅛
Pres Brand	$24⅛	+⅛
Pres Steyn	$28⅛	+⅛
Randfontein	$90⅛	
St Helena	a$16⅛	
SA Land	275c	
Stilfnt GM	a$9⅛	
Vaal Reefs	a$81	+2⅛
Venst GM	a$7⅛	+⅛
Vlakfntein	†153c	+10
Welkom	$6⅛	
W Rand C	a$4 5/16	+1/16
W Deep L	$35⅛	+⅛
Westn Hds	$29⅛	+⅛
Winkelhk	$28⅛	

Mining

A–A Inv T	£36	
Ayer Htm	270	
Br Hill Pro	c371	+7
CharterCon	205	
Cons Gold	484	
Cons Murch	a£5	
De Beers Pr	a£61	
De Beers dfd	338	–1
Hmp GMA	a166	+3
M'lay T Br	54	+1
Mexz (Tr)	90	
MTD (Man)	15	
Minorco	585	
Nth B Hill	159	+3
Rio Tinto Z	629	+10
Tronoh Mns	275	
Vogels MT	78	
W Mining Co	208	+4
Zbian Cpp In	13	

New Issues

BT	131⅛	+2
Jaguar	297	+9
Oxtrey	83	
Our Price	350	
Robertson R	a251	

a Ex Dividend
b Offer assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

Oil

Anvil Pet	53	–3
Brit–Brneo	303	+2
Bristol	27	+2
BP	486	+3
Britoil	203	+7
Burmah	231	–2
Century	a75	
Charterhall	51	+1
C'house Pet	104	+1
Clyde Pet	105	–3
Enterprise	184	+2
Hunting Pt	126	
Imp C Gas	a300	
LASMO Ops	480	–20
LASMO Ord	351	
Petrocon	132	
Premier Con	48	
Ryl Dutch	£43 11/16	–1
Shell Trns	680	–1
Tricentrol	191	
Ultramar	208	+7

Property

Allied Lnds	106	
Bellway	a131	
Bilton (P)	230	+2
Bradford Pro	360	
Brit Land	a139	–1
Brixtn Est	134	–1
Cap & Cnt	208	–1
Clrvcl Est	220	
Chesterfield	435	
Connells Est	88	
Control Sec	39	
Daejan	313	+3
Est Prp Inv	153	
Evans–Leeds	71	
Grt Port E	a154	–2
Greycoat	a190	
Hammerson–A	500	
Haslemere	a480	–2
Laing Prop	296	
Land Sec	292	–3
Lynton	315	
Marlborough	56	
MEPC	a312	–3
Mountleigh	290	
Mountview	305	
Mucklow	79	
Peachey Pr	244	–1
Prop Hldg	a114	
Prop Sec In	126	+1
Raglan	72	
Rush & T	214	
Samuel Prop	146	
Scot Met P	83	+1
Slough Ests	135	–1
Sterling Gts	a77⅛	+3⅛
Stock Conv	420	
Trafid Pk	198	
Utd Real	515	
Warnford	425	
Webb (J)	25	

Rubber

Barlow Hlds	103	
Grnd Cent	5	
High & Low	86	

Shipping

Br & Com	238	+2
Common Br	98	
Hunting G	87	
IOM Stm	126	
Jacobs (J)	53⅛	
LOFS	4	
Ocean T & T	135	+1
P & O Dfd	413	+13
Reardon 'A'	7⅛	
Runciman	76	

Tea & Coffee

Camellia	£26	+⅛
Lawrie	£16⅛	+1

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES—BANK SELLS

Austria	24.60	Greece	154	Portugal	188
Belgium	70.50	Ireland	1.14	Spain	194
Canada	1.48	Italy	2,165	Sweden	10.13
Denmark	12.61	Malta	0.59	Switzerland	2.94
France	10.74	Netherlands	3.97	USA	1.12
Germany	3.51	Norway	10.23	Yugoslavia	265

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (one month)
Australia	1.3750–1.3780	1.3690–1.3700	
Austria	24.99–25.04	24.95–24.99	11.625 to 10.125 gro prem
Belgium	71.37–71.47	71.23–71.33	11 to 5c prem
Canada	1.4876–1.4897	1.4830–1.4855	0.30 to 0.25c prem
Denmark	12.73–12.75	12.72–12.73	0.25 prem to 0.75 ore dis
France	10.91–10.93	10.89–10.92	1.75 to 0.875c prem
Germany	3.56–3.57	3.55–3.56	2 to 1.75 pfg prem
Greece	144.06–146.96	144.45–147.36	
Hong Kong	N/A	8.72–8.73	
Ireland	1.1470–1.1480	1.1470–1.1480	
Italy	2,184–2,192	1,283–1,290	4 to 7 lire dis
Japan	285.14–285.51	284.55–284.91	
Netherlands	4.02–4.03	4.02–4.03	2.25 to 1.875c prem
Norway	10.30–10.32	10.31–10.35	0.625 to 1.375 ore dis
Portugal	192.95–194.24	192.10–193.95	215 to 505 escu dis
Spain	196.15–197.45	196.52–196.86	
Sweden	10.22–10.24	10.20–10.22	0.5 prem to 0.125 ore dis
Switzerland	2.99–3.00	2.99–3.00	1.875 to 1.5c prem
USA	1.1217–1.1227	1.1180–1.1190	0.40 to 0.37c prem

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.67, French franc 9.93; DM 3.17; yen 254.35

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit rate: 8.5–9
Bank base rate: 12
Bank overdraft: 15–17
Building society mortgage: 12.5–13
Building society deposit: 7.75
Finance house rate: 10

UK MONEY MARKETS %

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bills	—	11 [illegible]	11 [illegible]	—
Eligible bills	—	11 [illegible]	11 [illegible]	10 [illegible]
Interbank rate	12¼	12¼	12 [illegible]	11¼
Discount market	12	—	—	—

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS %

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8¼	8 7/16	8¾
Euro Dm	5 11/16	5 11/16	6
Euro Fr fr	10 9/16	10 15/16	11¼
Euro Sw fr	5 7/16	5½	5½

US INTEREST RATES: Federal funds: 8¼ — US prime rates 10½–11½

Appointment with frustration

Does a date with the gasman or the delivery man always have to be so vague? Lindsay Cook reports

ANYONE who has ever waited and waited for the telephone repair man to call, or taken valuable time off work to take delivery of furniture or heavy electrical appliances, only to find that no-one came until tea-time, may soon find that help is at hand.

British Telecom, which as a nationalised industry was one of the more guilty parties in keeping customers waiting for repairs, is about to lead the way in making firm, timed appointments. Soon there should be no more excuses that it is impossible to tell when the British Telecom man will be round. Instead of a vague morning or afternoon appointment customers will be told the exact time of day he plans to call.

In addition, some of the regional Gas Boards offer fixed appointments for evenings and Saturdays and many big stores will make timed deliveries and may even be able to despatch your three-piece suite on a Saturday. This information is not usually volunteered and there is often an extra charge for such a service, but this will often be less than the wages you would have lost by taking a day off work and waiting around for hours.

British Telecom will be able to offer firm appointments, later this year in some areas, after spending £20 million on equipment to speed fault detection and training some 3,000 telephonists as customer service officers.

From March, customers in these areas, will be able to contact the new repair service controls by dialling 151 and the officers will feed information into a computer terminal, calling up the telephone's previous fault record and carrying out an initial test programme. It should then be possible to tell the customer how long it will take to do the repair, and whether the fault is in the telephone, the exchange or the outdoor cable.

"A pilot scheme in south London has shown that this system helps us to get faults repaired a lot quicker," said a British Telecom spokesman. "Once it's more widespread we will be able to make firm appointments for customers for repairs."

Until then subscribers have to put up with a less than satisfactory appointments system which requires them to tell British Telecom when they don't want the engineer to call, and wait in until he arrives.

Saturday appointments may be available for those who stipulate it is the only time the work can be carried out, but customers are charged for out of hours service. If, however, an engineer arrives on a Saturday in an effort to clear up a backlog of work, there is no charge.

Gas boards usually work on a morning or afternoon appointments system and can be no more precise than that, although they may be able to offer timed appointments outside working hours. For example, North Thames Gas will send out fitters in the evenings and on Saturdays but the customer has to pay overtime rates. "It's not promoted but it is available," said their spokesman.

The board has examined the idea of timed appointments for all customers but found it impractical since it is not possible to assess in advance how long jobs will take, and emergencies often have to be fitted in.

Electricity boards also offer morning or afternoon appointments, and usually need 48 hours notice.

When it comes to big stores, it is worth establishing the delivery procedure before the order is placed, as a customer has more bargaining power at this stage.

At Debenhams, deliveries are divided into certain areas on specific days and while no mention is made of Saturdays, the weekend deliveries are made. A spokesman said: "We wouldn't offer a Saturday delivery but if a customer insists we'd do it." There's no extra cost. All deliveries are charged for with items of furniture costing £5 whenever it is delivered.

Harrods don't as a general rule deliver on Saturdays but they can make an exception if there has been a problem with the order or if they have a lot of work on, or in sale time. Customers are usually told on which day the top people's store delivers in their area, but no time is given, and in some cases, such as sale time, Harrods can't always give a date.

The John Lewis Partnership deliver on a rota basis to different areas on set days of the week and cannot normally state whether the item will arrive in the morning or afternoon. Their spokeswoman explained that a delivery can take any time between a few minutes and an hour and a half — as a three piece suite may need unpacking, for instance, or a bed putting together. But they do have a special delivery service from some stores which guarantees delivery within a two-hour period. There's a fee for the service, which in the London area might work out at £20. There are no Saturday deliveries.

Whatever the system, things can go wrong. The gas man arrived recently at my house at 8 30 in the morning for an afternoon appointment, while the carpet fitters arrived at 5 50 in the afternoon for a morning appointment.

The problem was that everybody wanted a morning appointment, said the carpet fitter. He said they usually didn't finish until nine or ten at night. Next time I'll ask for an evening appointment.



Does the right hand know what the left hand is taking away?

The 5 per cent cut in invalidity benefit is to be restored. But a proposed change in the rules will mean that for about half the claimants some if not all of the extra money will be clawed back. Ian McMaster explains

AS WELL AS the changes to Statutory Sick Pay the Social Security Bill 1984 proposes to alter the rules for Invalidity Benefit (IVB). With one hand the Government is making good the 5 per cent cut in the invalidity pension made in 1980 but, with the other hand, it is restricting entitlement to the additions to the main pension.

IVB is the long term benefit for about 800,000 people of working age who have been unable to work for 28 weeks because of disability or chronic sickness. To qualify, you have to have the right national insurance contributions, as well as medical proof that you are incapable of work.

At present the benefit is composed of three parts. First there is the basic invalidity pension of £34.55 a week for the claimant, with an extra £20.55 for an adult dependant and £7.65 for each child dependant. You can also qualify for two additions on top of the basic pension.

One addition is the invalidity allowance, which is paid at three rates according to the age when you first became incapable of work. The rates are now £7.50, £4.80, and £2.40 — the highest rate being for people who give up work before the age of 40. Since 1979, there has also been an earnings-related additional component. At the moment you can get both the invalidity allowance and an earnings-related component on top of the basic pension: if the new Bill is passed you will no longer be able to do so.

There are currently nearly 300,000 people who are getting both these additions to the main pension. From November 1985 they will lose the lower of their two additions. So, someone receiving £3.00 earnings-related and a £2.40 age addition will lose the £2.40. On the other hand, someone receiving £3.00 earnings-related and a £7.50 age addition will lose the £3.00. This new rule also applies to the former IVB claimants who still receive the age and earnings-related additions with their retirement pension. In total, the Government estimates that 375,000 people will be affected.

The welcome change announced in the Bill is that the 5 per cent cut in the real value of invalidity pension made in 1980 is to be made good from November 1985. This cut was orginally supposed to be "in lieu of taxation." Although the Government still believes that, in principle, IVB should be taxed, there are no immediate plans to do this, apparently for "operational reasons."

Before 1980, invalidity pension and retirement pension were set at the same amount. The effect of making good the 5 per cent cut in IVB will be to bring IVB back into line with retirement pension. However, unlike IVB, retirement pension is taxable. Invalidity pensioners can elect to stay on IVB for five years after state pension age (60 for women, 65 for men), rather than go straight onto retirement pension. From November 1985 it will clearly be better for tax-payers to remain on IVB. At present this decision can be difficult because, although retirement pension is taxable, it is higher than IVB.

Although the 5 per cent cut in IVB is being restored, by November 1985 a married couple will have lost a total of £569 (£354 for a single person) as a result of the cut and claimants will not be receiving any back-dated payments to make up for this loss.

The effect on existing claimants of all the proposed changes will depend on the exact amount of the two additions received. The Secretary of State has said that "existing beneficiaries will be protected to ensure that their benefit is not actually reduced." But it seems likely that many people will be worse off in real terms (that is after allowing for inflation) as a result of these changes, and some people may get no actual increase in benefit next November.

For example, next November, a married couple could expect to receive a £2.50 increase per week for the restoration of the 5 per cent. In addition, they could expect an increase of about £2.90 in the uprating for 1985 (assuming that inflation to May 1985 is 5 per cent). But part or all of this £5.40 will be clawed back if they are getting both additions to the main pension. For a single person the figures are £1.55 for the restored 5 per cent and £1.90 for the annual uprating. Again, part or all of this increase could be lost.

The 120,000 or so claimants who are receiving supplementary benefit on top of IVB will also not get the full 5 per cent increase since their supplementary benefit will be cut pound for pound for any increase in IVB.

From November 1985, new claimants to IVB will only be able to receive one of the additions to the main pension, so they could be up to £7.50 per week worse off than if the additions had remained untouched.

All in all, after five years of campaigning for the 5 per cent cut to IVB to be restored, it has come as a bitter disappointment to find that about half of all IVB claimants are to be deprived of part or all of the increase to their benefit through this backhanded claw-back.

IN BRIEF

Hands off pensions

PENSIONS, have never been so much in the limelight as they have in the past few months — a trend which will not diminish until well after the Budget. This week the Opposition Treasury Spokesman called a meeting to make sure the Chancellor of the Exchequer was aware of the strength of feeling against any possible tax changes to pensions. The Labour members warned of a substantial backbench rebellion if he goes ahead with proposals to alter the present tax arrangements on pensions.

Legal & General, who with other insurance companies have led a campaign to preserve pension funds untaxed, said at the weekend that MPs and civil servants could join other workers in seeing their pension benefits reduced.

A survey in Pensions magazine conducted at their personal pensions conference found that an overwhelming majority of people — 90 per cent in fact — believe that the Government will go ahead with its plans to introduce personal pensions. But the thought that employees would be discouraged from taking one out if the tax relief on employee contributions were removed.

Savings shop

A SAVINGS and investment shop opened in Glasgow this week. Claiming to be the first of its kind, the shop is called Save and Invest and is run by R. J. Temple & Co, a London-based licensed dealer in securities and an investment consultant.

The shop will open six days a week and provides the whole range of savings opportunities from building society, stocks and shares, life insurance to mortgages and tax planning.

Glasgow was chosen for the first shop, says Mr Richard Temple, because there is a relatively low home ownership rate in Scotland so the Scots have more disposable income to invest.

Overfaced

THE choice among unit trusts grows ever wider — there are now over 700 listed. And when a unit trust management company puts out a statement saying "unit trust choice simplified" this usually means they are introducing yet more.

However, M & G seems to have got the message that the ordinary, unsophisticated, investor is merely bewildered by the array of specialist unit trusts on the market and, rather than being impressed by the selection, is more likely to go off the whole idea.

M & G's deputy chairman, Mr John Fairbairn, said this week that three unit trusts offering either income, or growth, or a balance between the two, is quite enough for anyone. He is absolutely right.

Chieftain Unit Trust group is beginning to get the idea. Because there are now so many unit trusts around, the appeal of some of the Chieftain funds has waned: for example, the Chieftain Far Eastern fund has been overshadowed by the more recent funds concentrating on individual pacific markets and sectors. A clear case that it is not "the more the merrier."

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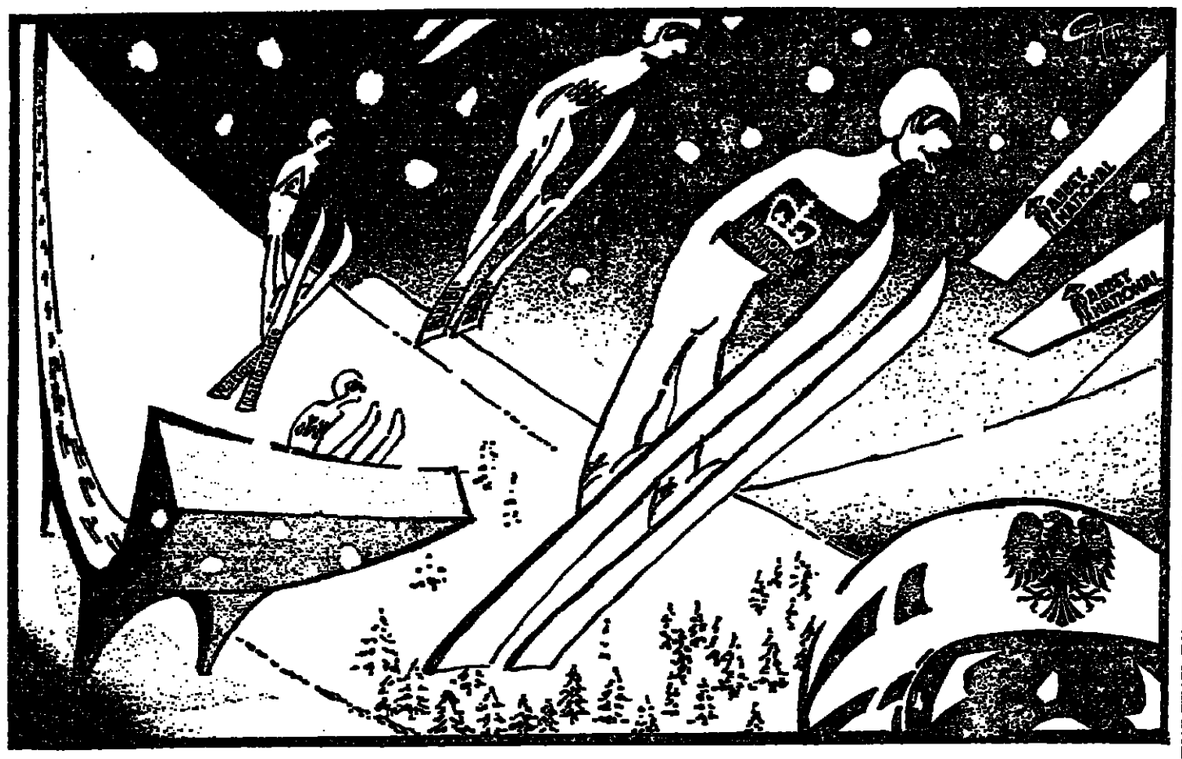
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Defending the interests of the forgotten majority

It takes seven savers to provide one mortgage, but a rise in building society rates tends to concentrate attention on the borrower. So what does the prudent investor do now? Sit tight or move on? Margaret Dibben reviews a few options and advises a policy of hang on to your passbook and see



WHENEVER the headlines scream "mortgage rates up," the groans of homeowners are muffled by the cheers of savers. Investors often feel deeply neglected when so much attention is turned to the borrowers, who are, after all, in the minority. It needs seven savers to provide one mortgage, but it is the plight of the borrower that is most talked about.

The mortgage holder, however, is locked into the commitment (switching loans is an expensive exercise) while the savers can largely vote with their passbooks.

The banks, the building societies and National Savings may all seem very different animals going about their business in their own individual way. Not a bit of it. They are very sensitive to each other's habits and when one breaks cover, the others swiftly regroup.

So, when the banks put up their base rates, although this does not mean an immediate rise in all savings rates, the building societies feel forced to react. And National Savings, while seeming to do nothing, is scurrying in the undergrowth trying to decide how best to preserve the species.

Anyone who is considering moving savings from one stock to another is best advised to take their time. Although the banks moved first on pushing up base interest rates, they were not being so hasty when paying more on their special savings accounts. An added complication for them is the changeover to composite rate tax (known among the cognoscenti as CRT) when, after April 5 they will have to deduct tax before they pay out interest. The new ordinary deposit rate is 9 per cent gross but the other savings schemes will pay more than this.

The difficulty here is compounded because, for the first time, the banks' rates will be directly and easily comparable with building societies' and they need to make some quite substantial changes to avoid appearing uncompetitive.

It is no easier for National Savings. Their aim each year is to raise a given amount of money set by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. They are close to their year end in March, and also close to reaching their target, which is £3 billion. But the "many a slip" adage is very apposite just at the moment.

While National Savings' investments are nearly all designed to lock your money in for a long time, they might nevertheless fail to attract the balance that they need to make up the numbers if the building societies and banks are offering much higher rates. Their habit has been to wait and see what the competition decides before making any move, and then landing on a rate which is a touch more competitive. But more than that, they have a potentially serious problem.

The 19th issue National Savings Certificate, which was the best ever seller for National Savings — it took over £2 billion altogether — reaches its five year maturity date at the beginning of February. The 19th issue was on sale from February 4, 1980 to May 9, 1981 and, if the certificates bought in the first few weeks are all cashed in as soon as they mature, National Savings could lose £500 million from its funds. Then, in the middle of February, National Savings has to pay back a £31 million tranche of 9.5 per cent Savings Bonds.

So, National Savings has to find a way of persuading investors to leave their money with them. They could make a very attractive General Extension Rate. This is the rate of interest paid on certificates after they have reached their fifth anniversary and at the moment it stands at 8.38 per cent tax free. It can be increased very quickly and easily.

Another way is to bring out a new National Savings certificate, which would be the 30th issue, so savers can switch their money straight from the 19th to an attractive new one.

The existing certificate, the 29th, pays 8 per cent tax free over the full five years and this might not be enough when higher interest rates are established.

As far as building societies are concerned, a 1.5 per cent or 1.25 per cent increase in the mortgage rate means, unfortunately, only a 1 per cent improvement in the basic share rate. It looks probable that other building society accounts will be boosted by the same 1 per cent margin, but today's intensely competitive atmosphere could encourage some to add an extra fraction of a percentage. If one of the large societies chose to pay over the odds on the highly sensitive seven day account, the others would have to follow suit.

Like Mrs Thatcher who is sitting on a rumoured £400,000 from the sale of her Flood Street home, as long as the money is earning interest somewhere immediately, keep it readily accessible for a new deal from National Savings, the building societies or the banks.



Area forecast: hopeful

Cold comfort

Help is at hand for needy families with fuel bill problems. But only when it gets very cold. David Hencke reports

THOUSANDS of poor pensioners and unemployed families living in East Anglia and parts of Southern England should hold on to their fuel bills from this week in case they qualify for extra help from the Government.

They are the first people in Britain to benefit from a new system to give those on the breadline extra cash if the weather becomes exceptionally bad, but if the cold spell continues, people in other parts of the country could also receive extra help.

After the appalling winter of 1982 the Department of Health has tried to introduce an objective, if rather complicated, system to allow the poor to claim extra help if bad weather forces them to order more fuel. To do this the ministry's Chief Adjudication Officer relies on weather stations run by the Meteorological Office to report average daily temperatures. To measure the severity of the weather, ministers take the difference between the average temperature and 15.5 degrees centigrade.

The Government has then set "a trigger point" for different parts of Britain and once these are breached, people qualify for extra help. This has now happened at two weather stations in Bournemouth and East Anglia. To qualify for help people must be in receipt of either supplementary benefit or supplementary pension, and must have less than £500 in savings. In addition, they must put in a claim based on a fuel bill covering the week when the cold weather began. The Department of Health will not give the help automatically — claimants must ask for it.

The help covers not only gas and electricity bills, which are normally paid quarterly, but also any coal, oil or paraffin ordered by claimants over this period. How much they will receive depends on the duration and the severity of the weather, but once a weather station has triggered an area the help will be available to all people in that area.

So far it can be paid to claimants living in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex. Major urban areas and new towns include Grays, Harlow, Basildon, Ipswich, Norwich, Peterborough, Kings Lynn and Southend, Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth.

Outside these counties, areas covered are Bedford and Luton, Stevenage, Andover, Fareham, Havant, New Forest and the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton Winchester, Bournemouth, Poole, Salisbury, Weymouth and Yeovil. Surrounding villages are also included.

The Department of Health advise anybody needing help in these areas to ask for leaflet S5 at their local social security office.

Those seeking advice from the top might like to contact Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Social Security. His own Essex constituency is one of the areas declared eligible by the Department of Health.

YOUR SAVINGS

	Interest %	Interest paid	Tax	£ Min	Withdrawal
BANKS					
Deposit	8.5-9	½ yrly	To pay	1	7 days
Res savings	8.75-10	½ yrly	To pay	10/month	restricted
Lump sum 1 mnth	9.25-11	monthly	To pay	1-2,000	At notice
Lump sum 3 mths	11	½ yrly	To pay	1-2,000	At notice
BUILDING SOCIETIES					
Share account	6.75	½ yrly	Paid	1	Demand
7 day	8	½ yrly	Paid	500	7 days
3 months	8.5	½ yrly	Paid	500	3 months
Monthly income	8.25-8.5	monthly	Paid	500-5,000	1-6 months
LOCAL AUTHORITIES Highest rate details tel. 01-920 0501 (after 3.30 pm)					
1 year	10	½ yrly	To pay	100-1,000	Fixed term
10 years	11	½ yrly	To pay	100-1,000	Fixed term
NATIONAL SAVINGS					
NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK					
Ordinary account	5	Yrly	1st £70 free	1	£100 on dmd
*Ordinary account	6	Yrly	1st £70 free	500	£100 on dmd
Investment a/c	11.25	Yrly	To pay	1	1 month
**Deposit bond	12	Yrly	To pay	250	3 months
**Mthly income bond	12	Monthly	To pay	2,000	3 months
NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES (29th issue)					
1-5 years	8	When cashed in	Tax free	25	8 days
General extension rate	8.38		Tax free		
* If kept one calender year, starting Jan. 1.					
** 12 from Jan. 2.					
INDEX-LINKED CERTIFICATES					
	RPI Linkd +0.35 monthly	When cashed in	Tax free	10	8 days
YEARLY PLAN	9.06	When cashed in	Tax free	20 month	14 days
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK					
Savings	5	Yrly	To pay	5p	Demand
Investment	8.75	Yrly	To pay	1	7 days
Term	10.5	Yrly	To pay	1,000	1-5 years

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Robert Miller: the aerial photography business crashed. Picture by Garry Weaser

Robert Miller used to take aerial photographs and all he needed for the business to take wing was clear skies preceded by rain. But orders dived during the cruel summer of 1982 and Robert Miller went bankrupt. Here he tells his own story and, below, Lawrence Lever explains the intricacies of insolvency

Why going broke pays dividends

BEFORE being declared bankrupt I had, like so many others, considered it to be something of a social stigma; rather like an unwanted millstone round the neck. I feared the pitying glances; being treated socially like a leper.

Yet having gone through an admittedly unpleasant experience, I found there to also be a very real positive side to bankruptcy, once more reinforcing the myth that there is a silver lining in every cloud. Gone are the days when I had to worry about how to maintain a highish income in order to service the debts I had very stupidly built up. Being self-employed was tougher than anticipated; some of us are better off being employed by others. It was ironic that I should have had to go through all the mismanagement, bad luck and a deteriorating domestic situation to find out a few simple home truths.

When I presented myself at the Official Receiver's office I was declared bankrupt within 30 minutes of arrival. To this day it seems amusing to have to fork out £62 on the spot, for this dubious privilege. Then it was on to meet the Official Receiver's examiner, with whom, over the following months, I went through the laborious task of drafting a statement of affairs, a narrative statement, and whole hosts of other long-winded documents. It turned out to be a great relief to be divested of the mountains of paperwork; it was even worth the invasion of my privacy, although I accept this as being a very subjective viewpoint.

What made the situation more tolerable was the firm but very fair way in which I was treated by the examiner. When it became clear that no lies were being told and certain things had been verified, I found the particular person dealing with my case to be very understanding and human — perhaps a different picture to one normally painted of people working in such a government department. Maybe most bankrupts are more fortunate than criminal, but even I would have little sympathy for those who plan to bankrupt themselves yet still lead an affluent life while creditors shake impotent fists.

On the minus side I still had to go through the antiquated but gruelling public examination where the Assistant Official Receiver, behaving like a prosecuting counsel, plied me with some 200 questions over a 45-minute period. Although I agreed with the conclusion that my business had been a "rash and hazardous exercise" I resented the way in which my history well prior to setting up in business was manipulated to try to show that I was something of a shady customer. In fact, my record had been unstarnished; a simple record of a fairly average household trying to make ends meets on two unspectacular salaries.

The most positive elements from all this turmoil proved to be profound and long lasting. I found myself forced to re-examine my lifestyle in the light of what had happened, and to rethink my attitudes and aspirations on earning a living. Now, without the possibility of obtaining any kind of credit or being able to run a bank account (no more overdrafts or expensive account charges), I have had to deal exclusively in cash and to make every penny count.

Having money in smaller amounts has made me become more appreciative of other things in life which are perhaps much more important — human relationships for a start. It is also much easier to be giving and generous with less cash in one's pocket; a curious paradox.

It also seems to me that in our society there is, for most men, a real need to prove that they are men by being successful in business. More value is placed on performance than people. But the experience of bankruptcy has led me to discover that much more genuine self-worth lies in much less tangible areas. Dr Jung once commented on the humourless way in which many men identified themselves solely with their business or titles, a practice which tended to cover up personal deficiencies of which they were totally unaware. It is a pity that this statement so obviously applies to many in our society. When people are nothing more than the decorum afforded to them by the society, it can ultimately cost us all a great deal.

Robert Miller

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The agony starts when the spending has to stop

ACCORDING to the latest financial casualty figures, the number of bankruptcies last year reached almost epidemic proportions; no less than 8,035 people went bankrupt — an increase of 17.8 per cent on the previous year.

Broadly speaking, there are two ways in which you can be declared bankrupt: either someone petitions the court to have you declared bankrupt, or alternatively you can, as Robert Miller did, petition for your own bankruptcy. In both cases you must commit what is termed an "act of bankruptcy," and there are nine ways in which you can do this.

One of the more common is a court judgment against you for an unpaid debt of at least £750. The person who obtained the judgment can then serve a formal notice on you ordering you to pay the debt within 10 days. If you fail to pay, you have committed an act of bankruptcy.

To declare your own bankruptcy, the mere fact that you present a petition is sufficient. But not many people take this step, not least because you have to pay a deposit (now £100) and a £12 court fee — for the privilege.

An alternative is to go for an administration order under which the debtor puts his or her affairs in the hands of the court who will stay all proceedings against the debtor and arrange for repayments to be made by instalments.

Petitioning for your own bankruptcy is really only appropriate if your debts are impossibly large; it will at least relieve some pressure by providing a definitive view of your financial affairs.

The initial procedure is administrative. You present yourself at court — the High Court (for the London area) or one of various county courts with bankruptcy jurisdiction — fill in a few standard forms, and a "receiving order" is made against you then and there.

There will only be a hearing at this stage if someone is petitioning for your bankruptcy, in which case the registrar will generally make the receiving order unless you can show that you have paid off the petitioning creditor(s), or will shortly be doing so, or that there is still a dispute as to whether the debt is actually due.

The agony starts with the receiving order, under which both the possession and control of your assets and money passes to the Official Receiver. You can not dispose of, or spend anything (except for your basic needs), although technically you remain the legal owner.

Although the court still has a part to play in declaring you bankrupt later on, it is the Official Receiver who calls the tune and has most influence on the court's decisions.

Whether or not he actually takes possession of your assets depends on the individual Receiver. What he will do is to advertise the receiving order in the London Gazette and a local paper, and his examiner will prepare a "statement of affairs" with you.

This is an account of all your assets and liabilities, giving precise details of your creditors and usually containing an explanation of how you ended up in this sorry state.

The Official Receiver will arrange a creditors' meeting to discuss your statement and whether to proceed to the formal bankruptcy stage. Although you need not attend, you can put forward a "scheme of arrangement" i.e. a suggested way to pay off the creditors, who will now include everyone to whom you owe money — not just those who originally petitioned.

If a scheme of arrangement is put forward it must offer the creditors at least 25p for every £1 owed; moreover it can only be accepted if it has the approval of a minimum of half of the creditors who must represent collectively at least 75 per cent of your indebtedness.

Otherwise the likelihood is that the creditors will opt to have you declared bankrupt — particularly if they initiated the process.

The final stage is the public examination of the debtor – an exhaustive examination in open court, of his conduct and finances. Until 1976 it was an obligatory feature of bankruptcy procedure, but since the Insolvency Act of 1976 the court has a discretion as to whether to conduct an examination, and will usually do so only in cases involving fraud or recklessness.

Unless some last minute money appears, or the court is persuaded that the debtor will soon be able to satisfy his or her creditors, the court will then make an "adjudication order."

This converts the debtor into a bankrupt and places the legal ownership of his or her assets in the hands of the Trustee in Bankruptcy; the trustee will realise and distribute the assets among the creditors, leaving the debtor with only the tools of his trade and bare essentials for the debtor and any family, up to a maximum value of £250.

The good news is that bankrupt may be automatically discharged after five years. Automatic discharge does not, however, apply to those guilty of one or more of a number of specific naughtinesses, and they will have to wait at least six years to see whether the Official Receiver recommends the court to discharge them.

Finally, discharge, automatic or otherwise, does not wipe the bankrupt's slate completely clean; the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise for instance, tenaciously as ever, still have a claim to any tax arrears.

Lawrence Lever

If your main asset is frozen

Margaret Dibben on the latest warning about the need for adequate insurance against wintry weather

THANKFULLY most of us have not suffered as badly as those in the recent gas explosions; but even so this extreme winter weather will be doing some very nasty things to building fabric.

The British Insurance Association, ever aware of seasonal catastrophes, has again issued a timely warning of the dangers of freezing conditions and the importance of being adequately insured. A spokesman said: "At this time of year bad weather can cause severe damage to your home and at any time there is the risk of fire, subsidence, malicious damage, all of which are covered by a typical home buildings policy."

The warning given is to make sure that your insurance is sufficient to pay for adequate compensation should disaster strike. The BIA says that you are only properly insured if you have covered your house for the full rebuilding

The two figures can in fact differ by quite a margin. The BIA produces a House Rebuilding Cost Index. During 1984 this index rose by 5.8 per cent and in the last quarter the increase was 0.6 per cent.

The precise figures vary according to where in the country you live and what sort of house you have. To be sure you work out a reasonably accurate figure, the BIA has updated its leaflet Building Insurance for Home Owners. This shows a range from £28 per square foot to rebuild a late-1940s semi-detached house in East Anglia to Midlands, West Midlands, South West, Yorkshire, Humberside or Northern Ireland to £52 a square foot for a medium sized semi-detached bungalow built between 1930 and 1945 in inner London.

The leaflet is available free from the BIA at Aldermary House, Queen Street, London EC4N 1TT.

How can I help my daughter?

YOUR MONEY LETTERS

answered by Margaret Dibben

I AM anxious that my daughter and her children benefit from my savings, and wish to ensure that my possessions are not taken by my local authority if I have to move into an old people's home. Should I put my savings into the joint names of my daughter and myself, and also the lease of my flat? — K. C. London SE 12.

THE fact is that the council has a legal charge on your assets to the amount of unpaid accommodation costs. It is unlikely that the ploy you suggest would work. Even with a joint building society account you are still in a position to withdraw money to meet the relevant fees.



"Even so, if we get a month of rainy days we'll be in trouble."

Market trends

SINCE the launch of British Telecom I have been trying to get to grips with yields, gearing, P/E (whatever that is), debentures etc. Could you suggest a book on the subject of stocks and shares? — N. R. J., Ross-on-Wye.

BRITISH TELECOM has certainly aroused the interest of many thousands of people like you in the stock market. A book that should suit you with regard to both price and information is The Stock Market — a Guide for the Private Investor. It is written by Neil Stapley and costs £6.50 from Woodhead Faulkner (Publishers) Ltd, Rose Crescent, Cambridge.

Cash in trust

I WISH to invest £3,000 a year — the annual capital transfer tax exempt amount — for my daughter. She is at present unemployed but will be starting two years' professional training next October. Can you suggest three income unit trusts with capital gains prospects? — M. P., London SW 15.

IN THE 12 months to January 1, Manulife High Income turned an investment of £1,000 into £1,542, Oppenheimer Income and Growth showed a gain of £463 and Fidelity Growth and Income £418. In each case the figures include reinvested income. But if your daughter needs income over the next three years you might consider higher yielding funds such as Target Extra Income, M & G Extra Yield, or Tyndall High Yield, which have also over the past year produced useful growth.

Income strategy

MY MOTHER, aged 68, has £9,000 in building society ordinary shares, £14,000 in various issues of National Savings certificates, and £3,000 in 3rd Issue Save As You Earn. Her total income including State pension is £1,960 a year. How can she maximise earnings without getting into a position where she has to pay tax. — R. G. C., Lincoln.

FOR INCOME, your mother's money seems to be in all the wrong places, especially the £9,000 in the building society. On this she is paying tax which is not recoverable. As you say, National Savings Income Bonds would be much more sensible. These provide a monthly income from which tax is not deducted at source. At present rates of inflation index-linked certificates are also a poor investment, and while other savings certificates may be good five-year investments, they do not produce regular income. Your mother should consider encashing those which are not within two years, at the most, of maturity. She is allowed to earn £2,490 before she starts paying tax.

Retirement plans

I AM due to retire in five years' time, and my wife will retire in the summer with a reasonable lump sum as part of her pension. Should we use this to pay off the mortgage? — G. J. T., Slough.

SINCE you seem to be well enough placed for income, and indeed able at present to save £2,000 a year, I see no reason why you should clear your endowment mortgage and lose the tax relief. Your wife may consider investing some of her lump sum instead in a growth orientated unit trust. For instance over the last five years the Schroder Smaller Companies trust has turned a £1,000 investment into nearly £4,500, and the Henderson Special Situations fund has more than trebled investors' money. There is, of course, no guarantee that these performances will be repeated.

Interest in tax

IN YOUR December 29 issue, Peter Rodgers states that banks only notify the Inland Revenue of interest payments which total more than £150 a year. Does the same apply to the National Savings Bank investment account? — A.B.V., Stocksfield.

IT DOES. The Inland Revenue is automatically informed of interest payments over £150, and the Department for National Savings may also pass on details of smaller individual accounts if asked for them. But a DNS spokesman said: "We would not normally give any information before consulting the account holder."



"Look, I don't care if the local bank is open seven days a week, I'm not staging a hold-up on a Sunday."

Personal bias

WHERE can I obtain independent advice on private pension schemes? I have received details of several schemes but don't understand them. Advice seems to be available only from people who receive commission, and is thus biased. — V.C., Islington.

INSURANCE companies do try to make their policies more understandable, but few people other than specialists can fathom the complexities and the variety of pension contracts now on offer, and weed out one to suit individual needs. Good pension brokers are in touch with the market, and although their commissions are frequently and rightly criticised, they provide the best advice available, and normally do the best possible for their clients. The British Insurance Brokers' Association will supply a list of pension consultancies. The address is: BIBA House, 14 Bevis Marks, London EC3.

Frozen pension

WHEN the small company for which I work left the Unilever group two and a half years ago my pension was "frozen." My employer set up a new scheme independent of Unilever's. I have been told that it is not possible to take my accrued pension rights in the Unilever scheme because I am still with the same employer, and to do so I would have to leave. Is there anywhere I can seek advice? — E.A.S., Fleetwood.

LEGISLATION is pending to compel employers to allow transfer of rights to other pension arrangements when people change jobs. There appear to be some exceptional technical complications in your case, but I would suggest that you ask the group fund secretary for a full explanation. If you are still not satisfied, the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service may be able to help you. Write to Room 327, Aviation House, 129 Kingsway, London WC2.

Starting late

I ENTERED the teaching profession late, and cannot attain a full pension. I hope to retire in five years, and in the meantime I am able to save between £50 and £80 a month. Should I buy National Savings Certificates which would mature about the same time as I retire? — G. J., Wendover.

I ASSUME that what you have in mind is buying savings certificates month by month so that they progressively mature after you retire to provide you with regular monthly income. Whether the returns from certificates compare favourably with other investments over the five-year period they have to be held to get full value depends on the movement of interest rates generally. The rate on certificates is fixed.

Buy some certificates by all means, but I suggest that you also consider unit trusts which cater for small savers. Unfortunately, management charges have gone up on these schemes, but they still offer the chance of a better return than elsewhere at a commensurate risk.

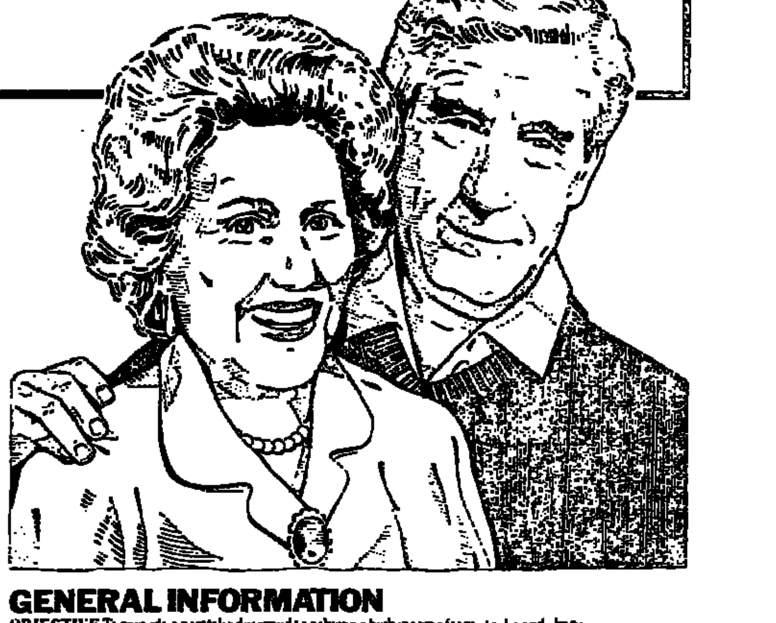
No tax relief

I AM buying a flat on a £7,500 mortgage. I would like to buy another flat on the coast for my retirement. Can I obtain tax relief on both mortgages provided they do not jointly exceed £30,000? J. B., Hayes.

THE short answer is no. Tax relief is allowed only on one's main residence. This rules out also the second part of your question as to whether you should pay off the current loan and take out a larger mortgage on the retirement flat. This would only deny you tax relief altogether unless you were able to convice the tax inspector that you were using it as your main residence.

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1978	£1,500	£31,304
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BARBICAN 01-628 8795/638 8891. CC (Mon-Sun 10 am-8 pm). For inclusive hotel/ticket package 01-330 7111. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE PETER PAN, today 2.00 & 7.30 (runs 3hrs 15). THE COMEDY OF ERRORS returns Jan 23-26. MOTHER COURAGE returns Jan 28-31. THE PIT WASTE by Harley Granville-Barker today 2.00 & 7.30 (runs 3hrs 30).

BLOOMSBURY THEATRE. 387 9629 CC 380 1453/379 6433. HARVEY & THE WALLBANGERS. "Dazzling" The Guardian. Last perfs. Ton't, 8 pm.

BUSH THEATRE. 743 3388. GERTRUDE STEIN AND A COMPANION by Wn. Wells. Tues., to Sun. 8 pm.

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COTTESLOE. 928 2252. CC 928 5933. S. (National Theatre's small auditorium — low price tkts). Opens Today 11.0. Then Jan. 21 & Feb. 9 THE NATIVITY. Opens Today 3.50. Then Jan. 22 & Feb. 11. THE PASSION. Opens Ton't 8.0. Then Jan. 23 & Feb. 8 & Mat. Feb. 9 DOOMSDAY.

CRITERION. S. 930 3216. CC 379 6565/741 9999/379 6433. Groups 836 3962. Evgs. 8.0, Mat. Thurs. 2.30, Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. THE DAILY MIRROR & THE DAILY MAIL AGREE . . . BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH JACK SMETHURST PETER SALLIS in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 708 side-splitting perfs. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Express. Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.60.

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It's unluckier for some...

Not every borrower will have to pay the higher rates right away. Margaret Dibben explains the reason why

AFTER all the meetings and talkings, the "shall we or shan't we," building society chiefs finally agreed that, yes, they will put up the mortgage rate. The only real point at issue yesterday was the precise timing of when the rates should rise. February 1 will be the day.

The official statement recommended between 1 per cent and 1.25 per cent on the cost of a mortgage. The most likely bet looks like 1.125 per cent putting the basic cost of a home loan at 12.875 per cent for the cheapest and 13 per cent for many.

The savings rates will go up by 0.75 per cent. The Abbey National wanted, and still wants, to wait a little longer for the dust to settle before putting up the rates. The other societies were reasonably happy to go along with the crowd.

Most societies made no decision yesterday about their exact intentions but the news will start trickling out early next week.

It is a case of no one wanting to be first. However, the Halifax, far and away the largest of them, has said it will add 1.125 per cent to make the starting rate 13 per cent and this gives a marker for the others to fall in line. The Nationwide will also add 1.125 per cent and all its mortgages will now cost 12.875 per cent.

The banks are in no rush to make a commitment. They, like the building societies, would rather one of the competitors went first.

There may be no cartel among building societies any more, but there is certainly an apple cartel which no one wants to upset. An unwritten gentleman's agreement ensures that no major building society steps very far out of line.

However, not every borrower will pay the higher rates straight away. Some building societies and banks only make a change to borrowers' repayments once a year. The Anglia is just introducing the system and, unluckily for their customers, the update day is February 1.

Halifax borrowers who have chosen to pay under the Budget Plan will not see any increase until April, when, like the customers on gross profile, their repayments will be reassessed. Another society allowing once a year changes is the National and Provincial.

For all the rest, new borrowers will start paying the higher rates immediately the society decides what they are going to be and existing borrowers from February 1.

These new rates certainly mean that there will be no shortage of money for mortgages. Although demand for home loans has been unseasonally strong recently, societies were more than comfortably meeting demand and the present freezing weather has knocked enthusiasm for going house hunting.



"I wonder if the mortgage rate will ever be frozen?"

Now that societies will be paying higher savings rates, they will take in a healthy amount of money, at least until National Savings raises its returns, at a time when demand will slow partly as a knee jerk reaction to more expensive mortgages.

Just how long rates will stay at this level is unquantifiable. Societies certainly do not like frequent changes in interest rate, if for no other reason than the cost: Abbey National expects to spend £750,000 telling borrowers of the new rate. It will take more than a 0.5 per cent swing in bank base rates either way before the building society mortgage rate will change again.

The two societies that charged the lowest rate and imposed no higher rates for larger loans are both sticking to this policy, the Nationwide and the Woolwich will be less affected than the others if there is any fall back in demand for loans. But they will continue to see the greatest demand for large loans because they are so much cheaper at this level.

The other societies, however, will continue to charge more for larger loans, the point at which higher rates are triggered varies from society to society but even before yesterday's announcement, it was possible to pay anything between the basic 11.75 per cent and 14.5 per cent for a straight repayment loan. Endowment mortgages cost an extra 0.5 per cent or 1 per cent over this.

Repayment mortgage holders may have the option of staying on the same monthly payment figure and extending the life of the loan. Endowment mortgages do not give this option.

Anyone who does find the new rates give them trouble in meeting their commitments should get in touch with their building society manager immediately to find a way of spreading the load. It is in the building societies' better interest to take less from you now rather than risk getting nothing at all later on.

● While Britain's home buyers were having their mortgages raised yesterday about 30,000 Scots — buying their homes on council loans — were having their rates cut. A circular went out before Christmas from George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland instructing local authorities to impose a reduction of ¼ per cent. This means a new rate of 11 per cent. Glasgow City Council approved this cut yesterday for its own 4500 borrowers.

What your mortgage costs: the monthly repayments allowing for MIRAS

	11.75% £	11.875% £	12% £	12.75% £	13% £	13.25 £
£10,000	79.80	80.50	80.80	84.50	85.60	87.00
£15,000	119.70	120.75	121.20	126.75	128.40	130.50
£20,000	159.60	161.00	161.60	169.00	171.20	174.00
£25,000	199.50	201.25	202.00	211.25	214.00	217.50
£30,000	239.40	241.50	242.40	253.50	256.80	261.00

Source: Building Societies Association



When you end up like this, make sure you know what to do

Coping with accident amnesia

Mary Brasier with a timely warning on winter motoring

IT IS a grim thought but even in the best road conditions you stand an estimated one in six chance this year of having an accident at the steering wheel of your car. At the moment the odds, like the weather, are considerably worse.

Having an accident is bad enough; what you do immediately afterwards can aggravate your plight and make successful claims on your insurance policy more difficult, unless you follow a few basic rules. Most people unfortunately overlook them either because they are too shaken or because they do not want to seem to be making a fuss.

Legal & General believes it is timely to remind motorists what to do in case of a crash. The insurance company is sending out small plastic cards free on request which on one side remind drivers of the law regarding road accidents and on the other list three essential immediate dos and don'ts they should follow:

● Do not admit liability or make any offer of payment.

● Obtain the registration numbers of the other vehicles the names and addresses of the drivers and owners, insurers and any other witnesses. (Remember though if no-one is injured the other driver is not obliged to give details of his insurance company to you.)

● Take note of road names, markings and lighting; the apparent damage to other vehicles and the number of any police officer who attends the scene.

Legal and General say people suffer from "accident amnesia" if they forget these formalities. Two in five they found would not ask for the other driver's name; nearly one in three would not ask for the name of the other driver's insurers and only eight per cent would make a note of road conditions which could show how the accident happened.

Brian Palmer, general insurance director at L & G says: "People do not realise that the wrong things said or done in the confusion of the moment can cost them a lot of money later." There is one story of a woman driver who was involved in an accident after someone drove into her. She got out of the car to assess the damage, reassured herself that the car was intact, drove home and only then discovered that she had looked at the wrong side of the car.

"It is so easy to forget fundamentals, but you must not because if you do not get them down then you will suffer later," says Edward Wright at Hambro Life Protection, which insures motorists for the legal costs of pursuing accident claims.

Hambro has produced a booklet called How To Cope with a Motor Insurance Claim. In it they suggest that the post accident check list should also include noting the position of the cars, including measurements if possible, the time of the accident and weather conditions.

If anyone is hurt or you think a criminal offence has been committed, you must tell the police within 24 hours. If you are in any doubt call them.

In some circumstances the police can also help later if you claim damages against the other driver in the civil courts. The police produce a full accident report if they suspect there has been a breach of the law such as dangerous driving. It includes sketches of the scene and witness statements. The report can help you to prove who was to blame for the accident and you can obtain a copy for around £30.

With the initial formalities out of the way, contact your insurance company and arrange to get an estimate of the cost of repairs. For more than minor damage, the company will send its own assessors to look at your car. The main point to remember at this stage is not to go ahead with any repairs until your insurance company has approved the claim.

When your car is ready check first to see the job has been done to your satisfaction before signing anything. If the insurance company decide the car is a write off or you want to attempt repairs yourself, you may get a cash settlement, in which case check the value of your car before you accept any offer of funds. An engineer from the Institute of Automotive Engineers Assessors, who will charge up to £40 for a valuation, is one way of doing this.

According to Hambro Life Protection, most drivers with comprehensive cover are likely to have little trouble claiming from their own insurance companies. Where problems arise is when claimants run up bills which are not covered by their own policies. Hambro say thousands of motorists end up out of pocket because insurance companies do not "play fair" on paying uninsured loss claims for items like car hire and loss of earnings against the person who caused the accident.

An average claim for loss of use of your car would be £15 to £20 per week.

This is particularly important if you do not have a comprehensive policy and have to foot the bill for repairs yourself. You have to prove the other person was entirely to blame and all your expenses are a direct result of the accident. An important tip here is not to incur "up front" expenditure such as storage charges if possible as you will be out of pocket until the insurers pay out.

If you are hit by an uninsured driver, your claim is against him or her personally so it is helpful to establish whether they have sufficient assets in the first place to pay for your damage. If the accident involved injuries to you or your passengers you can claim compensation against the Motor Insurers Bureau (Tel: 01-248 4477).

Finally you may have to resort to legal action in order to win a complicated claim even though many disputes never reach court. For around £5 when you take out your motor insurance, you can obtain cover for legal expenses of personal injury claims up to £25,000.

Building in safeguards

Up to 200,000 clients could suffer from the slump in the home improvements market. Lawrence Lever reports

THREE sizeable home improvement companies — Coldshield Windows, Mulberry Home Extensions and Wallguard — collapsed last month. Between them they have left an estimated 200,000 customers clutching worthless guarantees on home improvements carried out for them. Wallguard, for instance, had guaranteed their work for an optimistic 30 year period.

Although arrangements were made for completion of existing contracts in the above cases, many victims of the current slump in the home improvement market, are not so fortunate. They never ever get to the guarantee stage. Instead they find that the deposits they paid for work agreed, but not completed, get sunk in the whirlpool of the particular company's ensuing liquidation.

The Government's Insolvency Bill will no doubt have some impact on this situation in so far as it proposes to punish the baddies involved: disqualify delinquent directors and making those guilty of wrongful trading personally liable, should weed out some of the villains in home improvement scene.

"Not far enough" says the National Consumer Council. The consumer watchdogs would like to see special provisions implemented whereby consumers' deposits or prepayments would be protected by law in the event of a company going bust.

An example in the prepayments saga is the Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF), who have set up a Deposit Indemnity Fund to protect the deposits paid to member companies who go out of business.

If your contract with the fallen GGF company had included supply and fitting of materials, then any deposit you had paid — up to 25 per cent of the contract price — would be protected. If you had just a supply only contract then deposits of up to 50 per cent would be protected.

The proviso in both cases is that the contract must not have been for more than £6,000; hence the maximum protection is for deposits of £1,500 and £3,000 respectively.

The protection you get is in effect either a refund or the work done by another GGF member — at a price which is fair, taking into account how much you were being charged and how much other GGF members would charge for the job in question.

The GGF's scheme is funded by contributions from its member companies, the customer does not have to pay any extra for his or her peace of mind — not directly at least.

One thing that the GGF does not provide, however, is any backing for its members' guarantees for work and/or materials. So once the job is completed, any guarantee you get will only be as durable as the individual company concerned. Other trade associations do provide this form of protection.

For instance, the Building Employers Confederation has 6,500 member companies active in the home improvement market who guarantee to rectify faults appearing in their work for up to two and a half years after the job is completed.

The table below lists a number of associations whose member companies operate one or both types of protection schemes. Bear in mind that in some cases (i.e. the Kitchen Specialists Association) membership of the association does not automatically mean that the particular company offers the association's protection scheme. Not all associations make this an obligatory condition of membership.

So to be on the safe side you should ring up the particular association and ask for details of their schemes; all the associations say that they will send you a list of members in your area operating the schemes.

Moreover, the protection afforded will vary between the associations; in particular the length of time over which members' work is guaranteed.

Finally, although guarantees and deposit protection offered by associations have a more permanent and secure feel than those provided by non-associated companies do read the small print so that you know exactly what you are getting.

And do not be deterred by the fact that you may have to pay a little extra; where the direct costs of a scheme are borne by the member companies, most will seek to recoup these from you in their contract price.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS: CONSUMER PROTECTION

NAME OF ASSOCIATION	No of Members	Deposit/ Prepayment Guarantee		Cost	Contact
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2 Electrical Contractors Association	2,300	Yes	Yes	Nil	01-229 1289
3 Heating and Ventilating Contractors Association	1,200 (Approx)	—	Yes	Nil	01-229 2488
4 Glass and Glazing Federation	800-900	Yes	—	Nil	01-409 0545
5 Householders' Association	25	Yes	Yes	£12.50	01-486 3761
6 Federation of Master Builders	20,000 (1,000 participating)	—	Yes	Max of 1% of contract	01-242 7583
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THE PROPERTY PAGE

Tim Roberts reports on the sale of a rather special housing development and, below, reviews the effect of policy decisions on the state of the market

Estate for sale, ripe for complete refurbishment

COUNCIL estates have been sold before, but Wandsworth Council's Livingstone Estate is something special.

It is half a mile from the river, handy for the trains (and the City) and a mere stone's throw from Clapham Junction, and Battersea Park. Built between 1970 and 1972, the estate comprises seven four-storey blocks, each containing 24 flats plus the two 17-storey blocks housing 85 flats each.

Three hundred and thirty-eight medium and high rise council flats, plus underground car parking for 400 cars and a podium deck walkway — and it could all be yours. Wandsworth Council is selling the whole caboodle for whatever it can get for it.

Yes, they do have a minimum price in mind, says Mr Redfern from the borough valuer's office. No, he won't say what it is, nor will he say how much Wandsworth Council still owe on the development.

The estate started to be evacuated 18 months ago after the discovery of blue, white and brown asbestos in the ducting and exterior cladding. The decision to sell the estate, says Wandsworth, came as part of their commitment to increase the level of owner occupation in the borough. The idea is that some property development company will take the Livingstone estate off their hands, give the whole thing a complete refurbishment, tear down the underground car parking and create a new landscaped open space with car parking facilities for the *338 new private owners.*

At the end of the deal, Wandsworth will have privatised part of what many people see as the biggest problem area for public sector housing authorities. The estate will have passed into the hands of owner occupiers with a vested interest in keeping the place tidy, and the Council will have rid itself of a major financial headache



Livingstone Estate: 338 flats, plus parking for 400 cars

— and probably made a profit to boot.

The council has previously dealt with Regalian, a major property developer which is making a name for itself in this line. The erstwhile St Johns estate, which fronts on to the river Thames directly opposite Fulham power station and now known as Batterses Village, is a text-book example of what can be done with unpromising material provided sufficient money wonders. Wandsworth itself commissioned a report on what to do with the estate, which mainly involves updating and refurbishing the buildings and opening up the central car parking and podium to form new ground level parking areas.

So why does Wandsworth not grasp the nettle itself and undertake the refurbishment and landscaping?

Housing spokeswoman Christine Thompson says the main problem is lack of capital to do the works. However, she admits that the decision to sell off the estate was taken soon after the asbestos problem became apparent. "The Livingstone was never really the most popular estate. The majority of the residents were delighted to get off it."

The Council will not be retaining any rights to nominate applicants from its own 6,000 strong waiting list for the refurbished flats if the deal goes through. Mrs Thompson says that, in any case, of the privatisation deals that have gone through so far, some 50 per cent of the properties are being bought by council tenants.

On the plus side, privatisation schemes have helped bring about a fresh look at high rise developments which, as a new report from the Institute of Housing and the Polytechnic of the South Bank points out, are not *per se* undesirable. The report calls for a new look at high rise, it's management, the type of tenancy arrangement, as well as refurbishment schemes and the type of tenant for whom such properties are most suited.

In many instances, the report points out, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with many high rise developments, and we should be looking more closely and constructively at ways to improve the lives of tenants in such blocks through greater security, better services, and better estate management.

Social priorities may well dictate that land be given away for nothing

THE PRICE of land is the major problem facing new house builders and first-time buyers, says the new president of the House Builders' Federation, Mr Graham Pye.

"It is the result of deliberate planning policies in areas where jobs exist or are being created and in which people want to live. Structure plan policies are being pushed through which are reducing both the number of houses that can be built and *the supply of land needed to build them, irrespective of the demand that exists,*" he says.

He points out that the land cost element of the house purchase price can vary from 20 per cent in Milton Keynes to 35 per cent in Hampshire, an area of high demand. Mr Pye wants to see what he calls a "tax on land shortgage" abolished with the price element from land being no more than 10 per cent. In inner city areas, he contends, "social priorities may well dictate that land must be *given away for nothing, for* that is its true value."

THE Government's last remaining housing policy fig leaf is fighting for survival in the face of the latest round of housing cuts, says the Institute of Housing.

Up to now, schemes designed to favour low cost home ownership, which include local authorities building for sale to council tenants at discounts, improvement for sale schemes by local authorities, and homesteading schemes which involve the sale of unimproved properties to council tenants, have been relatively unaffected by Government cuts.

Now, however, the Government is proposing to cut the money that councils are *allowed to keep from such* schemes from 100 per cent of the cash they receive to just 30 per cent.

A survey conducted by the IoH on the effects of the proposed cuts show that many councils operating the schemes will simply be unable to continue unless *they are allowed to recycle* the money from such sales.

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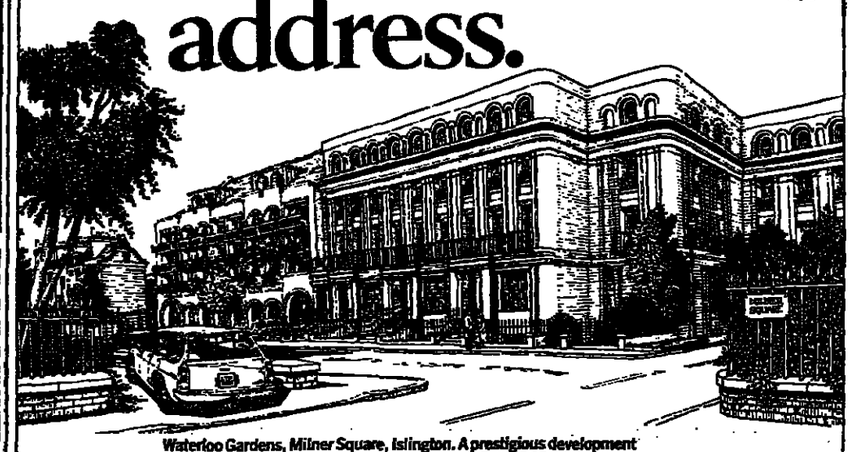
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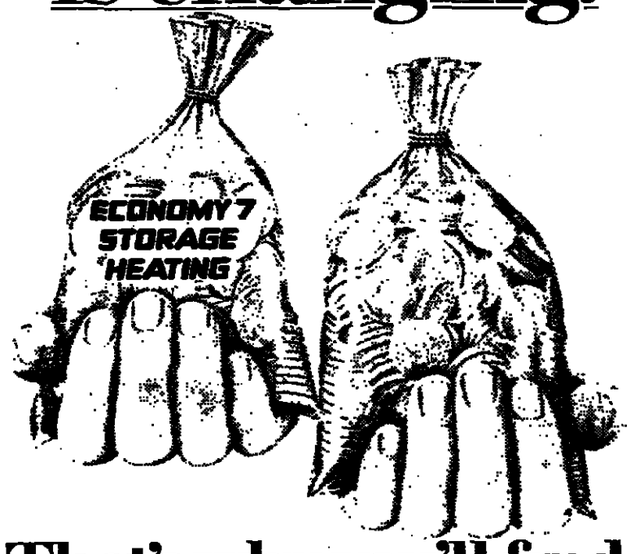
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Pampas works well in groups of three, suggests Christopher Lloyd, but it requires a full supporting cast

JANUARY is a month for planning, whether for trips abroad or for plants to grow next summer in our gardens. I have yet to start thinking about my own seed order, let alone anyone else's, but a letter I received ~king about possible companions for pampas started a train of thought.

This correspondent proposes to dig a large, roughly oval bed out of the centre of his lawn and to plant at one end an obtuse-angled triangle of pampas grass. What to plant with this?

My first thought is that the bed should be sensibly roomy. Pampas is widely admired, but when, as so often, it is isolated in a small front lawn it just looks self-conscious and silly. A group of three is a good idea, but it'll require a full supporting cast, and that, in its turn, requires elbow space.

The scale could be reduced a little by using Cortaderia selloana Pumila which, at 5ft to 6ft, is dwarf as these plants go. On a larger scale, Sunningdale Silver is excellent, when correctly named. I should avoid the "pink" *pampas, whose colour doesn't* show up at a distance, and I should avoid seedling stock, which is what Bressingham Gardens are offering, because unselected seedlings can be a great disappointment. Best and cheapest is to beg (large) pieces from a colony you know to be handsome in a friend's garden. Spring is the time to plant.

How would dogwoods, varieties of Cornus alba, look with these, my correspondent wonders? Pretty good, if the variegated leaved types were chosen. Spaethii is green and yellow; Elegantissima green and white. The latter looks particularly good in late summer with white Japanese anemones running through it. Also, when large enough after three years or so to take the weight, when hung with a summer - to - autumn - flowering purple clematis: Jackmanii, Gipsy Queen or (in the sunny south) Lady Betty Balfour.

These variegated dogwoods are red-stemmed in winter like *any others of their species*, but it is the lightness of their summer aspect which distinguishes them.

Kniphofias, the red-hot pokers, can make a thrilling contribution, especially the larger growing, later flowering kinds, but it is not always easy to find exactly what you want and again I should regard the often-offered seedling stock as second best. Do *also make sure that the stock* you acquire is healthy, as there is a nasty soil-borne bacterial disease going around which is a killer.

A flame kniphofia called Rooperi is particularly desirable if you can locate it (consult the Hardy Plant Society for sources) because its late season overlaps with the pampas's own, and the two seen in the same glance (not necessarily cheek by jowl) look smashing. A splendid August-flowering 7 to 8 footer is K. uvaria Nobilis, alias Maxima, and Prince Igor is close to this. Samuel's Sensation is sensational, too.

The stiffness of Cape hyacinths, Galtonia candicans, looks unattractive when they are herded into colonies on their own, but their spikes of pendant white bells take *the eye in a mixed planting.* They would look good near to the 3ft to 4ft Crocosmia (montbretia) Lucifer, which is fiery red.

Many of the plants I am *suggesting have narrow,* lanky leaves, so you could broaden the effect with marginal groups of hostas. The blue-grey Krosser Regal is one with which I am especially thrilled at the moment, on account of its proud bearing and the elegant twist to its leaves. Many of those that are most glamorous in spring, tend to go off in an unsightly way (even when not riddled *with slug and snail holes) in* late summer and autumn, just when our bed should be at its climax. Hosta plantaginea remains fresh to the last and flowers late, as does the white, scented Royal Standard which derives from it. Of the variegated kinds, I find that H. ventricosa Variegata, with broad leaves, yellow-margined, remains more presentable than most and its purple bells are borne with great freedom in July.

Romneya, the white flowered, golden centred Californian tree poppy, has nice growth with glaucous deckle-edged leaves. Always in short supply, it should be ordered now for May planting. It is a slow starter but, given good drainage, suckers freely so that within a few years you'll have a colony to be proud of. Within a few more, you'll be proud of declaring what a dreadful weed it is, and yet the pieces of its fleshy roots that you give to friends will nearly always die. The poppies open in July and August and the plant is a great deal hardier than its provenance would suggest. It does splendidly in Edinburgh.

Romneyas are scrawny subshrubs, growing to 6ft in a season. The way to treat them is to cut them completely to the ground at the end of the growing season. Kniphofia foliage can be tied together over the crowns for protection each autumn, though I don't bother in my Sussex garden. Their lankiness is unsightly but should be borne until new year at earliest, and even then (or in March), shortened by only half.

Pampas should be cropped (wearing gloves) closely in early spring. Don't set them alight, for heavens sake, even if you are a crypto-pyromaniac (if male, you almost certainly are). The residual charring looks horrible for weeks afterwards.

I mention these tidying operations before suggesting that almost the whole bed should be underplanted with *small* bulbs. Snowdrops are ideal among the Japanese anemones; scillas, chionodoxas, the little trumpet daffodil Tete-a-Tete, dog's-tooth-violets (Erythronium), real scented violets, primroses if sparrow pecking is no problem, and spring-flowering anemones.

It isn't much use planting among hostas. They are too competitive, but day lilies (Hemerocallis) can be interplanted. If you are using a group of a purple-leaved Canna like C indica Purpurea, you can lift the crowns in October and replant with tulips, making the reverse swop the following June.

Odd jobbing

POTS of cheery chrysanthemums do best in bright light but away from direct sunlight. Cool temperatures prolong flowering. They are thirsty plants and need frequent watering, but feeding is not necessary. In mild parts of the country they can eventually be planted outside where they will grow over a metre high. commercial growers spray pot mums with dwarfing compounds to keep pot and plant in proportion. If you should try to grow the leggy specimens indoors for another year, you will have to take account of their short day nature. They will only initiate and develop flowers when their day length is restricted first to 14½ and then 13½ hours.

Potted azaleas need similar temperature and light levels to chrysanthemums, though there is no short day requirement. Unusually for house-*plants, the compost* should be kept permanently moist. If the leaves are turning distinctly yellow, the plant is probably starving. Azaleas are lime haters: some of the nutrients they require become unavailable in neutral or alkaline composts. Watering with hard water will build up the lime content, and hence the pH, to unacceptable levels. So if soft water or *rainwater cannot be used,* apply a sequestered feed, formulated to remain available at high pHs.

When the flowers fade, the plants need a cool position and less water. In June, they can be put in a shady place outside. They need feeding fortnightly throughout summer, and should be brought indoors before the first frosts.

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12 15 **GRANDSTAND.** Including: Football Focus (12 20); news (12 50); and whatever sport can be salvaged from the weather until — final score (4 40).

5 5 **NEWS;** weather; sport; regional news.

5 20 **DOCTOR WHO:** Vengeance on Varos, Part 1. Colin Baker as the Time Lord, in first half of a tale that has him encountering nasty video games. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 5 **JIM'LL FIX IT.** More fantasies come true, as J. Savile fixes it for young Simon, who wants a glittering ceiling; for Jacqueline, who wants to man a mast, and for Sarah-Louise and Christopher, who want to improve their Dad's chances.

6 40 **THE LITTLE AND LARGE SHOW.** Comedy from Syd and Eddie, playing host this week to strong man Geoff Capes, to Helen Shapiro and Bert Weedon.

7 15 **ONE BY ONE:** Of Babes and Sucklings. Continuing the adventures of the zoo vet, with Rob Heyland as Donald, much preoccupied with the move to the safari park, but having problems too with a pair of light-fingered Italians. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 5 **DYNASTY:** Steps. Will Alexis succeed in disrupting Kirby's nuptials, despite her anguish over Fallon's paralysis? Has you-know-who started coming the old Adam? Ceefax sub-titles.

8 55 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

9 10 **INSIDE OUT.** Ex-Nazi James Mason is the only person who knows the whereabouts of a cache of WW2 gold; ex-POW Telly Savalas aims to liberate his former camp commandant from top-security jail so he can take them to the loot. Aldo Ray, Robert Culp support in not-bad heist movie, made by Peter Duffell in 1975.

10 45 **MATCH OF THE DAY SPECIAL.** Jimmy Hill with the soccer highlights of two First Division matches, plus athletics coverage of the World Indoors Games from Paris.

11 50 **DEADLY HARVEST.** British premiere of an intriguing but over-ambitious Canadian SF film, made in 1972, with Clint (Cheyenne) Walker as farmer fighting for his family's survival when American crops fail, food supplies run out, and starving hordes come scavenging from the cities.

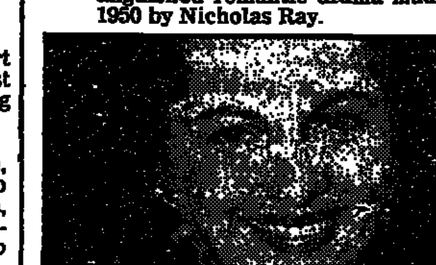
1 15 Weather; close.

Scotland: 10 45-11 50 pm Sportscene.

BBC-2

9 0 am Pages from Ceefax. 10 10 Open University. 12 40 Pages from Ceefax.

3 35 **BORN TO BE BAD.** That's Joan Fontaine, mercenary harpy posing as a nice girl and pursuing likely candidates for marriage Robert Ryan and Zachary Scott, in anguished romantic drama made in 1950 by Nicholas Ray.



Joan Fontaine

5 5 **I DIED A THOUSAND TIMES.** Jack Palance emotes energetically in this 1955 gangster movie, a remake of the Bogart thriller High Sierra, which casts him as embittered killer made vulnerable by his affection for a dog and a crippled girl. With Shelley Winters as his moll, plus Lee Marvin, Lon Chaney Jr.

6 50 **THE SKY AT NIGHT:** World Apart? Another showing for last Sunday's astronomical slot in which Patrick Moore reveals new developments in our knowledge of two very different stars.

7 10 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

7 25 **A VOUS LA FRANCE!** A second chance to catch last Sunday's lesson, 12th of 15, in the beginners' French course.

7 50 **RUGBY SPECIAL.**

8 55 **CELIBIDACHE CONDUCTS.** The Saturday Alternative season takes us to Germany for this concert in which the great Rumanian conductor Sergiu Celibidache conducts the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra in a performance of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony, the Romantic.

10 20 **TELEVISION AND THE PRESIDENCY.** American political commentator Theodore H. White presents this documentary from the States on the central role played by TV in American presidential elections over the past three decades, looking at the key commercials, the dirty tricks, the triumphs — like Nixon's cynically skilful puppy dog speech of 1952 — and the gaffes — like Gerald Ford's introduction of the President of Egypt as the President of Israel. 11 40 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 8 30 The Wide-awake Club. 9 30 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 0 Saturday Starship. 11 20 Space 1999.

12 15 **WORLD OF SPORT.** Including: World Cup ski-ing — men's downhill from Wengen and women's downhill from Chamonix (12 20); News (12 45); On the Ball (12 50); international athletics from Los Angeles (1 20); and then a mixture of the European pool championships, boxing, and wrestling until — results (4 45).

5 0 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

5 5 **BLOCKBUSTERS.** Bob Holness with the teenagers' quiz.

5 35 **THE A-TEAM:** The Island. George Peppard leads the laughing louts on another violent escapade. Oracle sub-titles.

6 30 **THE FAME GAME.** Tim Brooke-Taylor and Stan Boardman introduce the new faces in Granada's latest live talent show, devised by the indefatigable John Hamp, in which the comics — though not the singers and bands or the speciality acts — are liable to be electronically "hooked off" if the viewing panel gives them the thumbs down.

7 15 **ALL STAR SECRETS.** Michael Parkinson invites more showbiz guests to confess their indiscretions and interests from the past. Oracle sub-titles.

7 45 **THE PRICE IS RIGHT.** Leslie Crowther unleashes the stagestruck comers-down. Oracle sub-titles.

8 45 **NEWS;** weather.

9 0 **ASPEL AND COMPANY.** Michael A. and guest chatters Clint Eastwood, Dennis Waterman.

9 45 **BOXING.** Live coverage of tonight's WBA Welterweight championship fight between Britain's Colin Jones and holder Don Curry (USA) from Birmingham. Reg Gutteridge is the commentator. London News Headlines.

11 0 **THE FINEST HOURS.** Produced by Jack Le Vien, directed by Peter Baylis in 1964, the award-winning dramatised documentary telling the life story of Winston Churchill.

1 10 **BELLAMY:** The Bank You Can Trust. With John Stanton.

1 55 **NEW FROM LONDON:** The Higsons.

2 45 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Richard Causton. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Everybody Here. 1 30 The Making of Britain. 2: The New Europeans. 2 0 Film: The Story of Alexander Graham Bell (1939) with Don Ameche, Charles Coburn, Loretta Young, Henry Fonda. 3 50 Film: Sherlock Holmes (1932) with Clive Brook, Reginald Owen. 5 5 Brookside.

6 0 **THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS.** Paul Gambaccini talks to Bronski Beat in the recording studio, and hears from Abba songwriters Benny and Bjorn.
News Summary; weather.

7 0 **SEVEN DAYS.** Another exploration of the moral and ethical issues behind the headlines, including an interview with Sir Anthony Parsons, former British Ambassador in Iran.

7 30 **SHAPE OF THE WORLD.** John Barry chairs this second programme in the current affairs series looking at the world from different perspectives, asking what would happen if Libya got the Bomb.

8 15 **AS THE YEARS PASS, AS THE DAYS PASS.** 1: Cracow, 1874. Heralding a forthcoming Polish season which will include Wajda's Man of Marble and Man of Iron, the first British screening of an eight-part TV series made by the great Polish director in 1980, before the emergence of Solidarity, the military takeover and his own departure to Western Europe. It's a period drama following the fortunes of two middle class families in the 40 years up to the First World War, at a time when Poland was still part of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

9 25 **EUROPEAN MUSIC YEAR 1985.** First of six recitals from the Zurich-based company DRS in honour of the Euro-music event, this one features Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, and Gershwin's Rhapsody In Blue.

10 0 **HILL STREET BLUES:** Low Blow. Another hairy day for the Blues.

*11 0 **AMERICAN CARROTT.** Jasper C's* first journey in search of the American dream.

12 5 **THE COMPLETE MILLIE JACKSON.** The flamboyant soul singer and comedienne recorded in concert at London's Dominion Theatre a year ago. 1 0 Close.

S4C: 1 50 pm Rygbi: Ffraine v. Cymru. 3 40 A Question of Economics. 4 10 A Week in Politics. 4 50 Film: Jewel Robbery (1932). With William Powell, Kay Francis. 6 5 Where in the World? 6 35 The Avengers. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 45 Sion a Sian. 8 15 Noson Lawen. 9 15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10 15 American Carrott. 11 15 Film: Heaven Can Wait. 1943 comedy with Don Ameche, Gene Tierney. 1 5 Diwedd.

Regional variations

Anglia
6 15 As London.
11 20 Battlestar Galactica.
12 15 As London.
1 5 am At the End of the Day; close.

Central
6 15 As London.
11 20 Chips.
12 15 As London.
11 0 pm Film: Penny Gold. 1974 thriller with Francesca Annis, Nicky Henson.
12 45 am Close.

Channel
6 15 As London.
9 57 Puffin's Pla(i)ce.
10 0 The Saturday Starship.
11 20 Tarzan.
12 15 As London.
5 5 Puffin's Pla(i)ce.
5 10 The Smurfs.
5 35 As London.
11 0 Film: The Movie Murderer. With Arthur Kennedy, Tom Selleck, Warren Oates.
12 45 Weather; close.

Granada
6 15 As London.
11 20 The Fall Guy.
12 15 As London.
1 5 am Rock of the Seventies.
1 45 Close.

HTV
6 15 As London.
11 20 The Little House on the Prairie.
12 15 As London.
1 0 am Weather; close.

South
6 15 As London.
11 20 The Green Hornet.
11 45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio.
12 15 As London.
1 5 am Company; close.

South-West
6 15 As London.
9 57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
10 0 The Saturday Starship.
11 20 Freeze Frame.
12 15 As London.
5 5 Newsport.
5 10 The Smurfs.
5 35 As London.
11 0 Film: The Movie Murderer. With Arthur Kennedy, Tom Selleck, Warren Oates.
12 45 Postscript; weather; close.

Yorkshire
6 15 As London.
11 20 Battlestar Galactica.
12 15 As London.
11 0 Film: Soylent Green. 1973 SF thriller with Charlton Heston.
12 45 Close

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Dave Lee Travis. 1 0 pm Punk to Present. 2 0 Paul Gambaccini. 4 0 Saturday Love. 6 30 In Concert: Alison Moyet. 7 30 Phil Kennedy. 9 30 - 12 0 am Dixie Peach.

Radio 2

4 0 am Lorri Newman. 6 0 George Ferguson. 8 5 David Jacobs. 10 0 Sounds of the 60s. 11 0 Album Time. 1 0 pm The Impressionists. 1 30 Sport on 2. 6 0 Folk on 2. 7 0 Beat the Record. 7 30 Band Parade. 9 30 - 11 0 medium wave Boxing Special: Colin Jones (Gorseinon) v. Don Curry (USA). 9 30 VHF Big Band Special. 10 5 VHF Steve Jones. 12 5 am Night Owls. 1 0 Patrick Lunt. 3 0 - 4 0 Wally Whyton.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Aubade.
9 0 News; Record Review: Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings; vocal and choral records.
10 15 Stereo Release. Mozart: Regina Coeli (Emma Kirkby / Academy of Ancient Music / Hogwood); Roussel: Deux poemes chinois; Jazz dans la nuit (Sarah Walker / Roger Vignoles); Debussy: La damoiselle elue (Frederica von Stade / Susanne Mentzer / Boston SO / Ozowa).
11 0 BBC PO in Italy, cond Bryden Thomson. Walton: Overture Portsmouth Point; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 (Elisabeth Leonskaja. 11 55 Interval; Schumann: Symphony No 4; Britten: Young person's guide to the orchestra.
1 0 News; Leslie Howard (piano). Mozart: Sonata in F; Liszt: Three Funeral Odes.
2 0 Verdi's Operas: Un ballo in maschera. Sung in Italian with Luciano Pavarotti (Riccardo), Anna Tomowa-Sintow (Amelia), Suisse Romande Orch / Riccardo Chailly. 2 50 Interval.
4 25 The First French Sonatas. Couperin: La Steinquerque; Michel Corrette: Sonate a deux violins; Charpentier: Sonate. L'Ecole d'Orphee / John Holloway.
5 0 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics Forum: RSC's Waste; Swansong for Seven Voices on R3; Anglo-Saxon Art at the BM; film, Repo Man; Slow Learner by Thomas Pynchon.
6 35 Haydn (String Quartet Op 17 No 5) and Mozart (piano Quartet K493). Nina Milkina / Delme Quartet.
7 30 The Mask of Time by Sir Michael Tippett, recorded at last year's Prom. Faye Robinson (sop), Felicity Palmer (mezzo), Jon Garrison (ten), John Cheek (bass), BBC Singers, BBC SO and Chorus, cond Andrew Davis. Part 1.
8 15 Dream Set Free. Career of Mexican diplomat and writer Octavio Paz.
8 35 The Mask of Time. Part 2.
9 30 Music from the Castle Museum, York. Alan Cuckston plays restored keyboard instruments John Tompkins; sonatas by Scarlatti and J C Bach; John Field (Nocturne).
10 0 Menocchio. Monologue by James Saunders.
11 0 Norway after Grieg. Halvorsen: Overture Mascarade (NRK SO/Bergh); Sparre Olsen: Two Edda Songs (Toril Carlsen / Oslo PO / Jansons); Bjarne Brustad: Symphony No 2 (Oslo PO/Fjeldstad). 11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
7 0 News; Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth: Rose pruning.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 5 Breakaway. Holiday advice.
9 50 News Stand. Weeklies reviewed.
10 5 The Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week.
11 30 From our own Correspondent.
12 0 News; Money Box. Finance advice.
12 27 The News Quiz.
1 0 News.
1 10 Any Questions.
2 0 News; Afternoon Play: Another Time by Owen Holder.
3 0 News; A Lexicon of Laughter.
3 30 Maharaj: Lives of Indian Princes in their own words.
4 15 Not Much Room For Fancy. From '40 Years in a Moorland Parish' by The Rev John Atkinson.
4 45 A Sideways Look at . . .
5 0 Wildlife.
5 25 Week Ending. News send-up.
6 0 News.
6 25 Desert Island Discs.
7 5 Stop the Week.
7 45 Baker's Dozen. Easy listening classics.
8 30 Saturday-Night Theatre: Navyman God by Christopher Russell.
10 0 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 Soundings. Topical moral issues.
11 0 Science Now.
11 30 The Wow Show presents 'Heaven is for Fascists.'
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

Wales (340): 6 30 am If You Don't Get Up You'll Miss It. 8 30 Playday. 9 30 Good Golly Miss Molly! 11 3 Saturday Roadshow. 1 5 pm Sportstime. 1 45 Sporting Ties. 1 45 Sportstime. 6 25 Let's Pop Back. 7 0 As Radio 2. 9 30 Boxing. 11 0 - 4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 7 45 Byd Amaeth. 8 0 Newyddion: Dros fy Sbectol. 8 15 Ribidires. 9 0 Newyddion; Cwylisu '85. 9 40 Cadw Reiat. 11 30 Sgwpasbigyn. 12 2 pm Byd y Bel. 12 30 Cwlwm Pump. 7 0 Newyddion. Crafu'r Gwaelod. 1 35 Chwarason. 6 25 Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 32 Farming News. 7 0 As Radio 4. 7 10 Travel Time. 7 25 Weekly Report. 8 0 News: Leisure Trail. 9 3 Top Forty Show. 10 30 Call David Scott. 11 30 Jimmy Mack's Old Gold. 1 3 Gerry McKenzie's Tartan Terror Show. 2 2 Sportsound. 6 0 News: Take the Floor. 7 30 Nasadhle Express. 8 30 Close As Radio 4.

World Service

6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 7 30 From the Weeklies. 7 45 Network UK. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 A Jolly Good Show. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 The World Today. 9 30 Financial News. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Handel in London. 10 0 News. 10 15 Letter from America. 10 30 People and Politics. 11 0 News. 11 9 News about Britain. 11 15 About Britain. 12 0 noon Radio Newsreel. 12 15 Anything Goes. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 1 30 Network UK. 1 45 Country Music Profile. 2 0 News. Music Now. 2 30 Saturday Special. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 Saturday Special. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Saturday Special. 5 0 News; Saturday Special. 8 0 News. 9 15 What's New. 9 30 People and Politics. 10 0 News. 10 9 From our own Correspondent. 10 30 New Ideas. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Letterbox. 11 30 Meridian. 12 0 midnight News. 12 9 News about Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Bakers Half Dozen. 1 0 News; Play of the Week: The Memorandum. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 2 30 Sports Review. 3 0 News. 3 9 News about Britain. 3 15 From our own Correspondent. 3 30 Jazz Score. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 One on the Floor. 5 45 Letter from America.

SUNDAY

BBC-1

8 55 am The Flumps. 9 10 De Bono's Thinking Course. 9 35 Computers in Control. 10 0 Asian Magazine. 10 30 Switch on to English. 10 55 A Vous la France! 11 20 Sunday Worship. 12 5 pm See Hear! 12 30 Farming. 12 55 Magic Roundabout. 1 0 This Week, Next Week. Interviews with Arthur Scargill and Robert Maxwell 1 50 Film: Friendly Persuasion (1956). With Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire, Anthony Perkins. 4 5 Sporting Chance. London and South-East only. See below for regional variations. 4 35 Halls of Fame: Palace Theatre, Manchester.

5 20 **THE PICKWICK PAPERS:** 3. Continuing the likeable Dickens dramatisation, with Nigel Stock as Mr P. Ceefax sub-titles.

5 50 **HOLIDAY.** Cliff Michelmore and the team report on a package for the young and fancy free, and a holiday for antique-lovers.

6 25 **APPEAL.** By Leslie Thomas on behalf of Dr Barnardo's.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **SONGS OF PRAISE.** From Shetland, introduced by Magnus Magnusson. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 15 **BY THE SWORD DIVIDED.** 3: Cromwell at Arnescote. Peter Jeffrey as the Protector, whose visit to the Lacey family home must surely symbolise the end of the Royalist cause — but is that why Tom (Timothy Bentinck) is declaring his allegiance to the Commonwealth? Ceefax sub-titles.

8 5 **LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE:** The Odd Dog Men. Another vintage episode of Roy Clarke's superior comedy, with Bill Owen, Brian Wilde and Peter Sallis as the friends happening on a potential business lead with animal connections. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 35 **MASTERMIND.** M. Magnusson speeds south to Glasgow, scene of the latest quizzical round.

9 5 **NEWS;** weather.

9 20 **THAT'S LIFE.** Esther and the team with another package of good causes and bad jokes.

10 5 **EVERYMAN:** Can I Come In? Peter France continues his two-part study of what it means to be a Christian in Britain today.

10 45 **16 UP — THE YTS REPORT:** Now what. Is the Youth Training Scheme really "a bridge from school to work"? That may be the case in the prosperous south, says the latest programme in the repeated series, but things don't go so smoothly elsewhere.

11 15 **LATE NIGHT IN CONCERT:** Chris de Burgh. The Irish singer/songwriter in a re-run concert recorded in Toronto. 11 45 Weather; close.

Wales: 1 50 pm Weekend Rugby Union. 2 50-4 35 Film: High Society. 1956 musical with Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra.
Scotland: 9 10 am A Vous La France! 9 35-10 0 Switch on to English. 10 30-11 20 Seven Days. 12 30-12 53 pm Landward. 1 50 Music of J. Scott Skinner. 2 0 Sunday Sportscene. 3 0 Sporting Chance. 3 30-4 35 Sunday Sportscene. 6 25-6 30 Appeal by Fulton Mackay. 10 45 Indoor Football. 11 55 16 up Report — the YTS. 12 25 News; weather; close.
Northern Ireland: 4 5-4 35 pm Twilight Rhapsody.
England: 4 5-4 35 pm East: Commuter Quiz. London & SE: Sporting Chance. Midlands: Motorway Police. North: Goin' Places. North-East: North Country. North-West: The Sweeney File. South: King's Country. South-west: Antiques at Home. West: Jet Trail.

BBC-2

9 0 am Pages from Ceefax. 10 20 Open University. 11 25 Pages from Ceefax. 2 20 pm Horizon: A World of their Own — consultations between psychiatrists and patients. 3 10 The Great Art Collection: The High Renaissance and After. 3 40 Bridge Club. 4 5 One Man and His Dog. 4 50 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers: Modern Roses. 5 15 Ski Sunday.

6 0 **NEWS REVIEW.** With sub-title summaries, presented by Moira Stuart.

6 30 **THE MONEY PROGRAMME.** Can Sir Freddie Laker make a comeback? He talks about his hopes and about his multi-million pound lawsuit against British Airways. A report too on the uncertain future of the country broker and the unlikely growth industry of Kiwi fruit production.

7 15 **THE NATURAL WORLD:** Water—A Fresh Look. Walter Sigl is a German businessman who spends his holidays making films like this one, using ordinary equipment and his own rather extraordinary nerve. His study of freshwater places and animals—from the Orinoco River to a German swamp to a clear Florida spring—required him to play with manatees, feed piranha by hand and shoot rapids—without a canoe.

8 5 **A WILL TO WIN:** Dennis and Julia Bingham. Harold Williamson meets the Notts. couple whose dedication to sidecar racing had twice brought them to second place in the celebrated Isle of Man Tourist Trophy—and who, last summer, embarked again on the dangerous road race, determined to be the first husband and wife to win. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 35 **INTERNATIONAL PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF.** Another nine-hole challenge at the Ailsa Course, Turnberry.

9 25 **DID YOU SEE . . .?** Broadcaster Clifford Hanley, gossip columnist Nigel Dempster and wildlife filmmaker Cindy Buxton are the guest critics, reviewing the Forty Minutes film Talking Proper, Wildlife on One, and Lytton's Diary.

10 5 **UNFAIR EXCHANGE,** by Ken Campbell. The title's a pun, but this futuristic thriller offers little else in the way of cheer for the majority of us who have a hate relationship with the telephone. Julie Walters makes a welcome return to TV drama as subscriber Mavis, who is getting a lot of funny and frightening calls. Is she simply paranoid, or does the telephone system have a malicious mind of its own? Actor/author Campbell is also in the cast; director is Gavin Millar.

11 15 **THE TWILIGHT ZONE:** Execution. Albert Salmi, Russell Johnson lead a vintage chiller about an outlaw who escapes the noose. 11 45 Close.

ITV London

6 55 am Good Morning Britain including (7 2-8 0) Rub-a-Dub Tub and (8 2-8 30) Cartoon. 9 30 Under Fives. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Never Mind the Handicap. 12 0 Weekend World: Talking to Neil Kinnock. 1 0 pm Police 5. 1 15 The Smurfs. 1 30 The Making of Supergran. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match Live: Watford v Manchester United. 4 30 Supergran. Oracle sub-titles. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Hart to Hart.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **HIGHWAY.** Harry Secombe's musical journey takes him to Plymouth.

7 15 **GAME FOR A LAUGH.** Put on your party hats, fun-lovers, get out the blow-out squeaky things and the whoopee cushion — it's time for a new, fourth series of the show which has funstruck punters queuing up to make fools of themselves. New presenters Martin Daniels, Rustie Lee and Lee Peck join veteran joker Jeremy Beadle to unveil another bundle of games, pranks and stunts featuring Real People!.

8 15 **THE PRACTICE:** 2. They're Trying To Scare Me. Granada's new bi-weekly medical drama gets into its stride, with the health centre staff continuing to advise on the vasectomy, the abortion, the heart condition . . .

8 45 **THE BEIDERBECKE AFFAIR:** We Call It The White Economy. Why is Trevor waxing ecstatic about Wynton Marsalis in big Al's basement warehouse? What is the nasty warning in the woodwork room? The plot of Alan Plater's jolly comedy thriller continues to thicken, with James Bolam, Barbara Flynn as the teachers involved in a mystery, Dominic Jephcott as Hobson the graduate copper, Colin Blakely coming in as the Chief Superintendent who happens to hate graduate coppers. Oracle sub-titles.

9 45 **NEWS;** weather.

10 0 **SPITTING IMAGE.** Topical lampooning from the latex lookalikes.

10 30 **THE SOUTH BANK SHOW.** In D. H. Lawrence's centenary year, Anthony Burgess presents a personal appraisal of the achievements of one of the 20th century's most popular and influential writers — a visionary and prophet, he says, who sought to restore a more sensual way of life to a materialistic age. London News Headlines.

11 30 **WANTED — DEAD OR ALIVE.** Rawhide Breed. Steve McQueen as the bounty-hunting hero of the arc-hive Western.

12 0 **THAT'S HOLLYWOOD:** Disaster Hollywood Style.

12 25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Frank Field MP. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Irish Angle. 1 30 Face the Press! The Bishop of Durham. 2 0 A Question of Economics. 2: Is Britain Going Bust. 2 30 Film: The Lullaby of Broadway (1951) with Doris Day, Gene Nelson.

4 10 **A HOME OF YOUR OWN.** Jay Lewis's famous short, wordless comedy needs no introduction to the infuriated fans who complained when the Davis Cup final got in the way of its scheduled screening last month. Full of lovely visual jokes, it casts Richard Briers and Bridget Armstrong as the young couple whose dream house is dogged by building disasters, with Ronnie Barker, Bernard Cribbins.

5 0 **THE AMATEUR NATURALIST.** 1: Matchbox Menagerie. Starting a repeat showing of Gerald and Lee Durrell's accessible-wildlife series. News Summary; weather.

5 30 **THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME.** With John Plender and Iain Carson speculating on the prospect of the pound now stabilising.

6 15 **AMERICAN FOOTBALL:** Diary of a Superbowl. Nicky Horne and John Smith set the scene for tonight's big game.

7 15 **LIFE ON THE LEVELS.** A portrait of the Somerset Levels, the waterlogged, 200 square-mile region at the heart of the West country.

8 15 **JULIA.** 1: Julia, Ben and Fifty Fingers Show. American opera star Julia Migenes Johnson begins her new musical series, joined by Benjamin Luxon and five pianists.

9 15 **THE PRICE:** 2. Another showing for last Thursday's second instalment of the very elegant thriller, with Peter Barkworth as the computer millionaire.

10 15 **THE CROSBY SHOW.** The pilot episode for a new family sitcom, starting in full on February 15, which cast American comedian Bill "I Spy" Crosby as an obstetrician and harrassed father of four; Phylicia Ayers-Allen as his lawyer wife.

10 45 **SUPERBOWL XIX:** Miami Dolphins v San Francisco 49ers. A late night for gridiron fans, with live satellite coverage of the climax to the American Football season from Palo Alto, California. The kick-off is at 11 10; enthusiasts can also catch highlights tomorrow afternoon at 5 0. 3 0 (approx) Close.

S4C: 2 15 pm The Living Body. 2 45 Gardeners' Calendar. 3 10 Film: The Story of Alexander Graham Bell. 5 0 Piglets and Cream. 5 30 The Business Programme. 6 15 Superbowl '85. 7 15 Hanner Dwsin. 7 20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7 25 Newyddion. 7 30 Galw Gari. 8 10 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8 50 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9 20 Hill Street Blues. 10 20 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Perfect Crime. 10 45 Superbowl '85. 3 0 am Diwedd.

Regional variations

Anglia
6 55 As London.
9 30 The Greatest Thinkers.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Link.
11 30 Under Fives.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 The Making of Supergran.
1 25 Weather Trends.
1 30 Farming Diary.
2 0 As London.
5 30 The Fall Guy.
6 30 As London.
11 30 Magnum.
12 30 People Like Us; close.

Central
6 55 As London.
9 25 Wattoo, Wattoo.
9 30 Did They Know It Was Christmas?
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Link.
11 30 Under-Fives.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Here and Now.
1 30 As London.
5 30 Return of the Saint.
6 30 As London.
11 30 Peterborough Country Music Festival.
11 55 Close.

Channel
6 55 As London.
9 25 Close.
12 55 Starting Point.
1 0 Getting On.
1 30 Baby and Co.
2 0 As London.
6 25 Channel News.
6 30 As London.
11 30 Rock of the Seventies.
12 25 Weather; close.

Granada
6 55 As London.
9 25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces.
9 35 Window on the World.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Under-Fives.
11 25 Aap Kaa Hak.
11 30 This is Your Right.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Silver Spoons.
1 30 As London.
5 0 The Love Boat.
6 0 Bullseye.
6 30 As London.
11 30 The Timeless Land.
12 35 Close.

HTV
6 55 As London.
9 25 Home Cookery Club.
9 30 Andrew and Phil: Glass Engravers.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Link.
11 30 Under Fives.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Survival.
1 30 Farming Wales.
2 0 As London.
5 30 Magnum.
6 30 As London.
11 30 War.
12 30 Weather; close.
Wales: As West except: 9 30-10 0 am Encounter. 1 0-1 30 Darts. 2 0-2 30 Andrew and Phil: Glass Engravers.

South
6 55 As London.
9 25 Action Line.
9 35 Atom Ant.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Link.
11 30 Under-Fives
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Agenda.
1 30 Enterprise South.
2 0 As London.
4 30 Magnum.
5 25 TVS News.
5 30 Supergran.
6 0 Bullseye.
6 30 As London.
11 30 The New Avengers.
12 30 Company; close.

South-West
6 55 As London.
9 30 Link.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Under-Fives.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 Farming News.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Gardens for All.
1 30 The South-west Week.
2 0 As London.
11 30 Mannix.
12 25 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees
6 55 As London.
9 25 Morning Glory.
9 30 Link.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Under Fives.
11 25 Lookaround.
11 30 Batman.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Farming Outlook.
1 30 As London.
11 30 The Master.
12 30 The Mission England Choir; close.

Yorkshire
6 55 As London.
9 25 Link.
10 0 Morning Worship.
11 0 Under-Fives.
11 30 Farming Diary.
12 0 Weekend World
1 0 The Smurfs.
1 30 As London.
5 30 Chips.
6 30 As London.
11 30 The Irish RM.
12 30 Five Minutes, close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Steve Wright. 12 30 pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. 2 30 Adrian Juste. 4 30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5 0 Top 40. 7 0 Anne Nightingale. 9 0 Jeff Young. 11 0 - 12 0 midnight Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations.

Radio 2

4 0 am Lorri Newman. 6 0 George Ferguson. 7 30 Paul McDowell. 9 0 Melodies for You. 11 0 Desmond Carrington. 1 0 pm Ray Moore Presents Two's Best. 2 0 Benny Green. 3 0 Alan Dell: Sounds Easy. 4 0 Listen to Les. 4 30 Sing Something Simple. 5 0 Charlie Chester. 6 30 Bill McLaren Has . . . a Word with Williams. 7 0 Black Magic. 7 30 Glamorous Nights. 8 30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9 0 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10 5 Songs from the Shows. 10 45 Laurie Holloway. 11 0 Sounds of Jazz. 1 0 am Patrick Lunt. 3 0-4 0 Ray Moore Presents Two's Best.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; ECO — Rossini: Il Signor Bruschino (cond. Enrique Garcia Asensio); Mozart: Concerto for flute and harp (Jean-Pierre Rampal/Mariell Nordmann); Grieg: Four Norwegian Dances (cond. Raymond Leppard.)
8 0 Bach Cantatas — 1724. Cantata No. 155 — Mein Gott, wie land, ach lange (Stuttgart Bach Collegium); Three Sonatas (Musica Antiqua Cologne); Buxtehude: Chorale Prelude: Ache Herr, mich armen Sunder (Lionel Rogg, organ.)
9 0 News; Your Concert Choice. Borodin: Quartet No. 1 (Borodin String Quartet); Mozart: Andante in F (Lionel Rogg, organ); Elgar: Falstaff (LPO/Solti.)
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 From the Proms 1984: Arditti String Quartet/BBC Singers. Britten: Hymn to St Cecilia; Kurtag: Eight Deszo Tandori Choruses; Bartok: Quartet No. 3; Ligeti: Drei Phantasien; Bax: Mater ora filium.
12 25 Mozart: Entr'actes from Thamos; Symphony No. 34 (Amsterdam Concertgebouw/Harnoncourt.
1 0 Smetana: Consolation; At a Bohemian Festival; From my Homeland; The Fisher Boy; Macbeth and the Witches; (1 40 Interval); Evening songs; Piano Trio in G Minor. Felicity Palmer (mezzo and reciter), Nash Ensemble.
2 30 BBC PO/John Hopkins. Grainger: To a Nordic Princess; Finzi: Cello Concerto (Raphael Wallfisch.)
3 20 Poetry Now.
3 40 Concert, part 2. Vaughan Williams: Symphony No. 8.
4 20 Markham and Broadway (piano duet). Dussek: Sonata Op. 74; Alex Pauk: Nebulae; Anton Rubinstein: March Op 50 No. 6.
5 0 Rimsky-Korsakov: The Golden Cockerel. Bournemouth SO/Berglund.
5 30 The Cosmic Creation. Why does the universe exist? Talk by Professor Paul Davies.
6 15 The Sayings of Peter Bornemisza. Concerto for soprano and piano by Gyorgy Kurtag. Rosemary Hardy/Jean Koerner.
7 15 Of Thee I Sing. Gershwin's Pulitzer prize-winning musical in a National Radio Theatre of Chicago production.
9 15 Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 3. Radu Bupu/Saarbrucken RSO/Bour.
9 55 The Pain. Story by Pauline Smith.
10 25 Melos Quartet. Brahms Quartet No. 1.
11 0 Hans Leygraf (piano). Haydn: Sonata in E Flat; Mozart: Fantasia and Sonata in C minor.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Morning Has Broken.
7 0 News; Sunday Papers. 7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye for Asians. 7 45 Bells. 7 50 Turning over New Leaves.
8 0 News; Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause: brain damaged children.
9 0 News; Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9 30 Morning Service.
10 15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11 15 Weekend. Recreational flying.
12 0 Smash of the Day: Educating Archie.
12 30 The Food Programme. Game for dinner.
1 0 The World this Weekend: News.
2 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' postbag.
2 30 The Afternoon Play: Famous Last Words by Ken Blakeson.
4 0 News; Talking about Antiques.
4 30 The Living World. Plants and animals in partnership.
5 0 News; Down Your Way in Ely.
6 0 News.
6 15 Underground Britain. A Cornish tin mine and a Welsh coal pit.
6 30 Bookshelf.
7 0 Father Brown Stories by G. K. Chesterton. 6: The Hammer of God.
7 30 Light in a Dark Place. Story of Christian Watt, who lived for 44 years in a mental hospital.
8 30 Mad Dogs and Englishmen. Unusual British Sports.
9 0 News; Masters' India. Book Four: Bhowani Junction (4).
10 0 News.
10 15 James Hogg — Portrait of a Justified Sinner. 150th anniversary of the Scottish writer's death.
11 0 The Letter That Kills. Divorce and its aftermath.
11 15 The Town that Broke the Bank. Effects of a small-town bank failure.
12 0 News; Weather; Shipping.

VHF: 6 55-7 15 am Open University 4 0-6 0 pm Study on 4.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Celebration. 8 40 Letter from America. 9 5 All Things Considered. 9 45 Ear to the Ground. 10 15 The Geevers Selection. 10 45 Sounds Unforgettable. 12 5 pm Radio Brynsiencyn. 12 30 First Edition. 1 15 Male Voice Choir Competition. 2 0 On Show. 2 30 The Nationals. 3 30 In Performance. 4 2 As Radio 4. 4 30 As Cymru. 5 0 As Radio 4. 12 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 55 Open University. 7 15 Gweler Radio 4. 7 55 Egwyl. 8 0 Newyddion. Papurau. 8 10 Bore Sul. 9 0 Newyddion; Sequra. 9 50 Pinivyn. 10 30 Efresgo. 11 2 Cywair. 11 45 Oedfa'r Bore. 12 20 pm Wythnos i'w Chofio. 1 0 O'r Newydd. 1 40 Byw yn y Wlad. 2 0 Cerddwn Ymlaen. 2 30 Gweler Wales. 4 2 Garddio. 4 30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr. 5 0 Canllaw. 5 30 Dewch am Dro. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 7 30 Sain yr Utgorn. 8 0 Y Bumed Symffoni. 8 45 Gwyn Erfyl. 9 15 Rhwng Gwyl a Gwaith. 10 3 Talwrn y Beirdd. 10 45 Ar Dorfyn Dydd. 11 0 Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 30 am As Radio 4. 7 45 Letter from America. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Howard Lockhart's Greetings Programme. 9 0 News. Let Us Worship. 10 0 News; Just for Fun. 10 30 Seven Days. 11 20 Andy Cameron. 1 0 News, Gerry Davis. 2 0 News; Portrait. 2 30 John Kerr Interviews. 2 50 Tales of the Loch. 3 0 News; Prospect. 3 30 The Musical Garden. 4 30 Case and Paper. 5 0 News. As Radio 4. 5 50 Sunday Extra. 6 0 Close As Radio 4.

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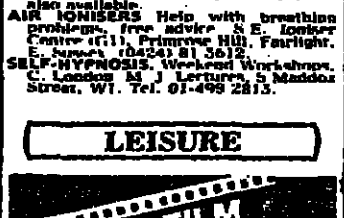
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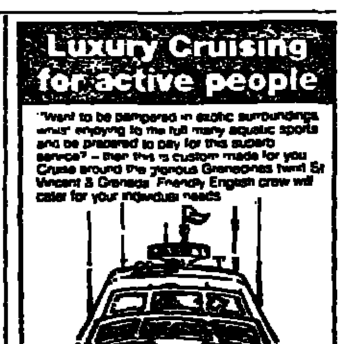
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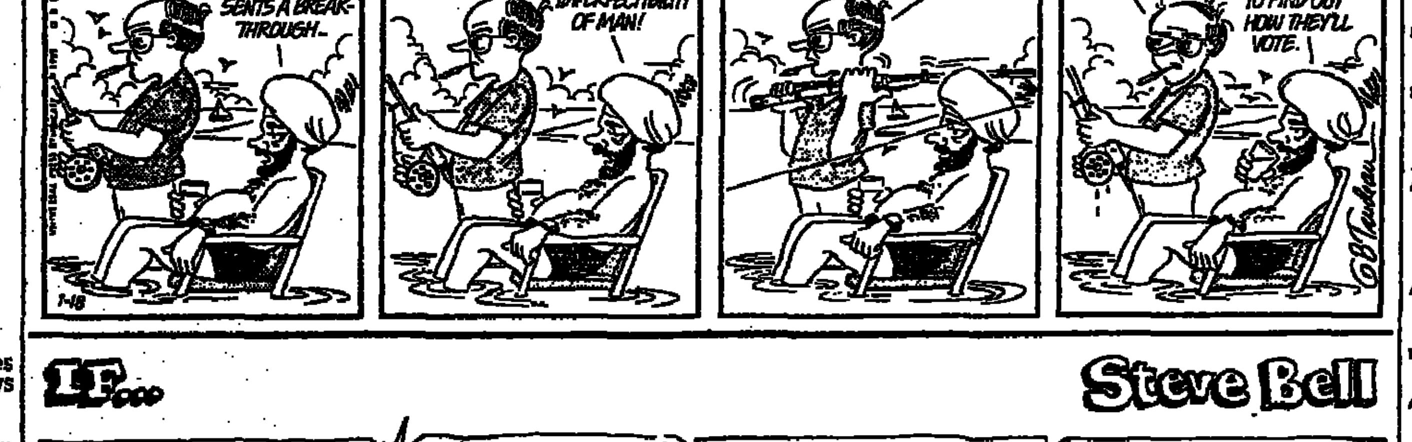
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19 Mark of reproach (6).
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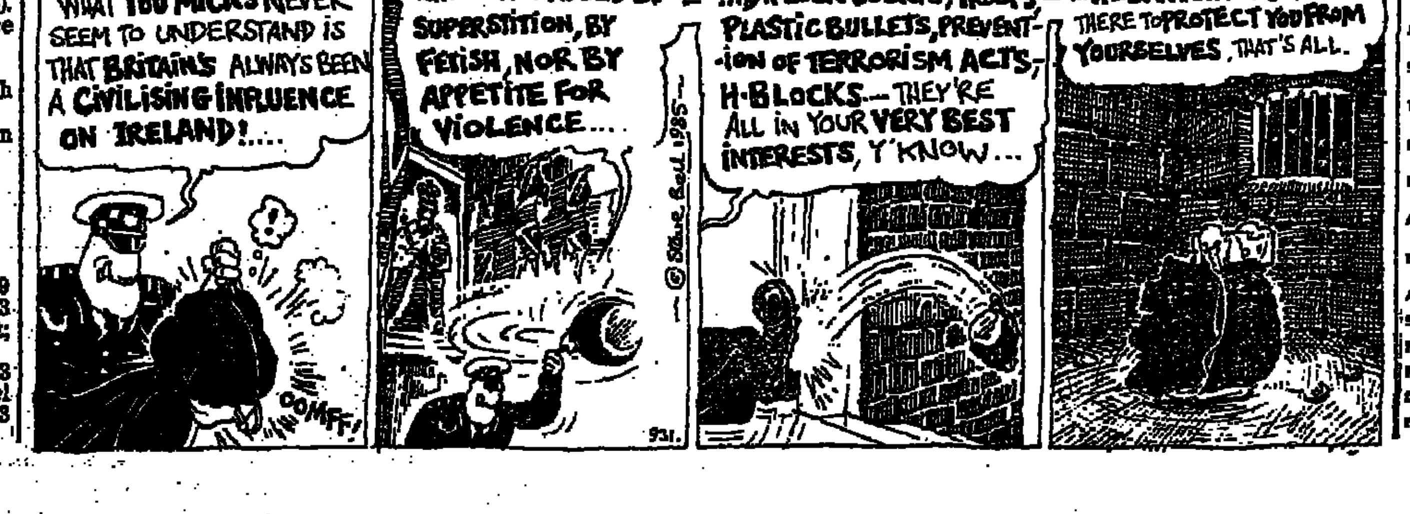
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Monday

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Kinnock's tough response is echoed by deputy leader

Hattersley joins condemnation of left's tactics

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley last night joined the Labour leadership's assault on the hard left with relish, accusing the Campaign Group of MPs of a nonsensical demonstration in the Commons and saying: "We shot ourselves in the foot."

But Mr Dennis Skinner, one of the MPs who forced the suspension of the Commons on Thursday with demands for a debate on the miners' strike, made it clear that the left-wingers were unrepentant and intended to keep up their campaign until they got a debate, whatever the leadership's view.

Mr Hattersley, who said that he would still be on strike if he were a miner, said the dispute was not popular "among people whose votes we need" and said that the fact that politics was now dominated by the strike was working against the party.

Leader comment, page 12; Why Benn and Kinnock took the gloves off, page 17

Interviewed on A Week in Politics on television's Channel 4, the Labour deputy leader said the Commons demonstration was a self-inflicted wound. "While people go on behaving in that way our prospects of becoming the party which is naturally looked on to win the next election and achieving the popularity amongst floating voters that we need is, of course, reduced."

He praised Mr Neil Kinnock for "exemplary leadership" in attacking the tactics of the leftwingers in a speech to the parliamentary party and said it had probably improved his standing and that of Labour. "But the nonsense was a nonsense and I wouldn't admit anything else," he said.

Mr Hattersley's reference to the need to win the support of floating voters by avoiding such tactics will hardly improve his standing with the dissidents, who are already irritated by what they claim is the failure of the leadership to advance the cause of the strikers with sufficient force in the Commons. Mr Skinner, however, said in a BBC radio interview, that they had said nothing in the Commons about the party leadership.

But it would be difficult to interpret his remarks without noting his gibe at Mr Kinnock, in which he said that even some people on the front bench who had been given jobs by the leader now thought there should be a debate.

Asked about the predictions by members of the Campaign Group that more disruption is planned, he said: "I've got more sense than to tell the BBC what we are going to do because the BBC will go rushing along to Number 10 to tell Mrs Thatcher and her friends."

He dismissed as a totally false argument Mr Kinnock's claim that a Commons debate would give Mrs Thatcher an opportunity to attack Labour and the miners.

Feelings in the party over the issue have clearly been sharpened by Mr Kinnock's speech to the PLP, which effectively threw down a challenge to the hard left on the issue of his leadership. Not surprisingly, Mr Hattersley was full of praise for the leader's fighting talk. He took the opportunity to repeat his belief in the necessity of a one-member one-vote system for reselection in the party as means of ensuring that the views of ordinary members were represented.

He supported the proposal before the national executive committee next week to draw up a statement of principles of democratic socialism, though he and his supporters failed in the organisation sub-committee to have the Militant Tendency singled out for special attention in the document.

It now seems unlikely that there will be a serious attempt to toughen up the resolution when it comes before the NEC.



Mrs Thatcher and Dr Kohl at yesterday's press conference in Bonn

Thatcher and Kohl avert clash on conduct of VE anniversary

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Morozov, claims that the Soviet Union had the "decisive role in the rout of Hitler's Fascism, and of Japanese imperialism in the second World War."

Soviet historians have drawn the "undisputable conclusion that the Soviet people shouldered the brunt of the struggle against the bloc of Fascist states, and genuinely was the main organiser of victory." He goes on to argue that the two Western allies had a minor share in the success.

British officials are silent about the discussions here and in other western capitals which apparently led to the conclusion that the anniversary would become an exercise in damage limitation.

But a well-placed diplomat in a neutral country said yesterday that until about three weeks ago there were strong rumours that a member of the royal family, possibly the Duke of Edinburgh, would take part in the Kremlin's ceremonies. Now, there was no longer any talk of a royal presence.

The Foreign Office emphasised yesterday that there was, so far, no official invitation from the Soviet Government.

But as Mrs Thatcher made plain yesterday in Bonn that no Soviet representative above the ambassador in Britain would be invited to domestic ceremonies. It is unlikely that the Kremlin would now propose a higher-ranking British participation in Moscow.

Mrs Thatcher doubted that there would even be a joint reference to the anniversary by the wartime allies.

Dr Kohl, for his part, indicated that there would be a reference to the anniversary when the leaders of the world's major industrial countries meet in Bonn for their economic summit in May. The meeting has been brought forward from June at Bonn's request, anticipating the VE-Day celebrations.

Dr Kohl explained to Mrs Thatcher the special psychological situation of West Germany, about the anniversary, and pointed out that 65 per cent of the population today were too young to have witnessed Nazi rule.

Dr Kohl, who is known to have lobbied hard in allied capitals to spare West Germans the embarrassment of jubilant celebrations of Hitler's defeat, said yesterday that West Germany would mark the day with self-reflection.

David McKie writes: Despite the qualms of some Conservative backbenchers, the Archbishop of Canterbury can be expected to preside at any service to commemorate the Falkland's anniversary. Some ministers also were not happy with Dr Runcie's handling of the service in St Paul's to commemorate the Falkland's victory.

He was thought to have been too apologetic in tone, too unwilling to strike an appropriately patriotic note.

'Don't split union' plea

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merely had to put proposals outlined then to the union and negotiations could begin

During that interview Mr MacGregor stressed the need for a negotiated settlement and said the board was willing to compromise, provided that the union showed a similar spirit of conciliation.

The Labour Party leadership is convinced that the Government stepped in to prevent further peace overtures. The shadow Energy Secretary, Mr Stan Orme, believes there is a strong chance of a negotiating breakthrough if both sides can get together.

The decision that the NUM's 25-member executive will take part in any future negotiations — instead of the three union leaders (Mr Scargill, Mr Mick McGahey and Mr Peter Heathfield) — is thought to offer greater prospects of a settlement.

One leftwing executive member said last night that he got the impression, at talks with the board this week to discuss welfare matters in the industry that several senior NCB officials wanted to resume negotiations.

"We were pinning a lot of hope on the MacGregor television interview — that's why we increased the size of the negotiating team," he added.

Health alert as Ruhr smog thickens

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Wales were closed. The M4 west of Swansea was restricted to four-wheel-drive vehicles, and between Swansea and the Severn Bridge only one lane was open in each direction.

Although milk tankers were unable to reach farms in Wales and Cornwall, the Farmers' Union of Wales said its members had learned the lessons of the 1982 blizzards and were taking milk to emergency collection points themselves. Sheep had been brought down from the hills and more ewes kept in barns as a precaution against lamb losses. But he admitted that there was not enough fodder to see out a protracted freeze.

The rest of Britain largely escaped the Siberian conditions promised by the weather forecasters. A spokesman for the Meteorological Office in London said yesterday: "We were right about there being a lot of snow. It just wasn't in the right area."

At least seven people were reported to have died last night in different parts of the country as a result of the weather conditions.

Ice and snow have caused havoc to today's sporting programme, with all racing cancelled, the Ireland and England rugby international called off in Dublin and only ten Football League matches likely to be played.

Lawson lands sterling deal in Big Five talks

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interest rates and the strength of the dollar.

He said that this was a view shared by the chairman of the Federal Reserve Mr Paul Volcker who has been pressing Congress this week on the deficits. Britain and other countries had taken the opportunity to "express their concern" to the Americans about the situation. It seems likely that Mrs Thatcher will continue this battle when she returns to Washington on February 20 for talks with President Reagan.

On interest rates the senior official said that while the agreement in or itself would not affect interest rates in the United Kingdom the Government's battle against inflation made it possible for it to lower interest rates as "soon as it is prudent and safe to do so."

Because it was unwilling to engage in intervention the Government was forced back onto the minimum lending rate earlier this week, which it imposed at 12 per cent.

Peter Rodgers adds: The dollar weakened slightly in Europe as the foreign exchange markets digested the finance ministers' announcement on concerted intervention.

The pound closed 0.37 cents higher at $1.1222 and its Bank of England index against a basket of currencies rose 0.1 to 71.3 per cent of its 1975 value.

Dealers are uncertain whether the finance ministers are any more determined to intervene in the markets than when they last discussed it at the Williamsburg economic summit.

In London, official sources made it clear that the markets would have to wait and see what criteria governments would use for judging markets disorderly enough to intervene.

Staff at DHSS centre to end strike

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

The eight-month-old social security dispute at Newcastle Upon Tyne computer centre will end on Monday night, with the cost of resolving it standing at £165 million and a backlog of work which could last two years.

The 400 Department of Health computer staff, all members of the Civil and Public Services Association, have voted reluctantly to return to work. They will now join a national overtime ban protesting at low levels of staff in benefit offices.

The decision to go back means that CPSA branch members have failed to obtain guarantees against pay cuts for future employees. However, the dispute has still proved expensive for the Government.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants, which represents supervisors, and the Civil Service Union, representing messengers, regard the outcome of the dispute as a victory, even if it cost them substantial sums in strike pay.

Their members returned to work before Christmas after Mr Tony Newton, the social security minister, withdrew proposed pay cuts of up to £14 a week for existing staff. His move contrasted with a refusal to negotiate on the part of his predecessor, Dr Rhodes Boyson, and succeeded in breaking the deadlock.

The dispute centred on £46,000 in staff savings and the search for economies totaling £650,000. The Department of Health admitted yesterday that up to the end of last year it cost taxpayers £85 million for millions of pension and child benefit payments to be handled by post offices and some 4,000 extra benefit staff to be taken on to process claims.

The aftermath of the dispute is likely to cost another £80 million. This includes the cost of producing new child benefit and pension books and sorting out a backlog of salaries.

The Department of Health hopes that child benefit payments will be back to normal next month. But millions of pensioners may not receive new pension books until the end of June.

The dispute is likely to damage the accuracy of the Government's review of the social security system. Statistics being used to process proposals for the future of pensions and child benefit will be two years out of date.

The DHSS also faces tough negotiations with the Post Office and sub-postmasters. Ministers agreed to pay the Post Office for all their extra work and compensate them for lost business at the end of the dispute. The Post Office is reported to be seeking a very large sum for its co-operation.

Mortgage cut kept price index low for 1984

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

The rise in prices over the year to December was an unexpectedly low 4.6 per cent, the official retail price index showed yesterday. This was achieved in part by last year's late fall in mortgage rates, which has just been reversed in the wake of the sterling crisis.

Average prices actually dropped by 0.1 per cent between November and December, bringing the Treasury close to a correct forecast of the inflation rate. Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, said yesterday: "Our target has effectively been achieved."

The Treasury forecast in the last budget was for a 4½ per cent rise in retail prices in the year to the fourth quarter, though this was revised upwards in November to 5½ per cent. The equivalent outturn is put at 4.8 per cent.

Once again, many independent forecasters are sceptical that the Treasury can attain its recent forecast that the inflation rate will stay near 4½ per cent in the first half of 1985 before dropping to 4½ per cent in the year to the fourth quarter.

They point to yesterday's rise in mortgage rates, a slow down in productivity — which increases companies' unit labour costs — and higher import prices due to the lower pound. The increase in factory gate prices over the year to December was 5.8 per cent.

Most of the main goods and services rose in price over the year, with the exception of seasonal foods like fresh fruit and vegetables, which fell by 8.9 per cent.

The latest international comparisons of inflation rates, published by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development show Britain's 4.9 per cent inflation rate in November comparing with the industrial countries' average of 5.1 per cent and rates of 2.1 per cent in West Germany, 6.9 per cent in France, 2.2 per cent in Japan and 4 per cent in the United States.

Brent calls in police

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The solicitor to the Labour group on Brent council last night asked the police to investigate how one of its private documents fell into the hands of the local government minister, Mr Kenneth Baker, before being revealed in yesterday's Guardian.

Mr Martin Coleman, the leader of the Brent Labour group, said that notes recording a meeting planning Labour councils' tactics against ratecapping had been filed in the group offices in Brent town hall shortly before a burglary on November 16.

Wembley police had been informed at the time that cash belonging to Mr Coleman's personal assistant had been stolen. It now seemed probable that the notebook containing the ratecapping records had been stolen at the same time, he said.

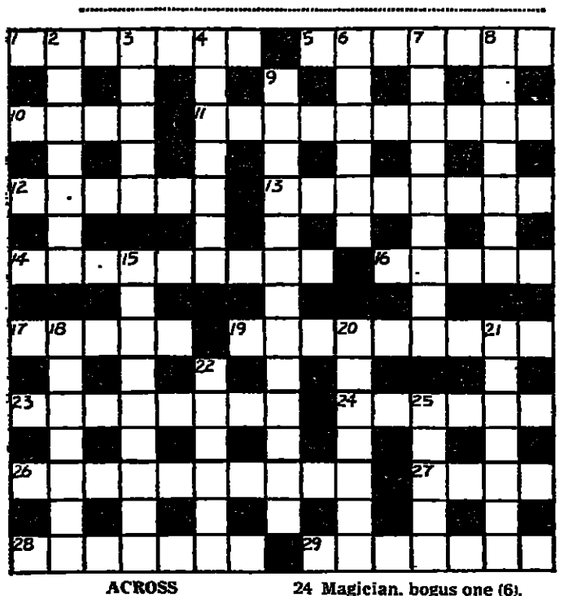
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ACROSS

1 7's over Jordan, now — maybe Sam, or sounds like 12 (7).
5 What 7's caller did in gamble with tin-opener (7).
10 See 16.
11 See 27.
12 7's tree brought Edward nothing back (6).
13 Transport for playwright called Richard? (8).
14 Picture all that's about one? (9).
16, 10 Girl in medal time — 7's goldfish bowl? (5, 4).
17 A man of means? (5).
19 Catch most of you in Yorkshire river at 7's age (6, 3).
23 See 25.
24 Magician, bogus one (6).
26 One sergeant rebuilt temple, which isn't finished (10).
27, 11 7's Friday, Queen Bess, Samaritan, etc? (4, 10).
28 Author of ADC article leaving what 7 was in war-time (7).
29 7's journey for shingle (7).

DOWN

2 Round transport in a pipe (7).
3 Absolutely 26? (2, 3).
4 Attached at point of figure, as cob and coin may be (7).
6 Subtle distinction, one between Latin now and English? (6).
7 JB sounds like 24 (9).
8 7's opposed to methods with time (7).
9 One new semi, owner without or within: such things aren't done (13).
15 7's corner produces rage in note to America (9).
18 Corner for worker on wood or leather (7).
20 Oriental flower eaten by cockney bird (7).
21 Lark among university people mouthed by 7 (7).
22 29, for example, 7's singers, hopefully (6).
25, 23 7's peculiar tang — map 11 (5, 8).

CROSSWORD SOLUTION 17,137

B	P	O	B	A	C	H	C							
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THE WEATHER

Still snowy and cloudy

HIGH pressure persists over Scotland. A depression over N France is moving away as a further depression approaches the SW.

London, E Anglia, SE, Cent S, East, NW and Cent N England, Midlands, North Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, light snow in places. Wind NE, moderate to fresh. Max temp 0–2C (32–36F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, occasional light snow, more continuous and moderate later, perhaps turning to rain. Wind variable light, becoming SE. Max 1–3C (34–37F).

Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands: Rather cloudy, some bright intervals, scattered wintry showers. Wind NE, moderate. Max 2–4C (36–39F).

Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, some bright intervals, scattered wintry showers. Wind NE, moderate. Max 3–5C (37–41F).

Outlook: Snow spreading from SW, followed by wintry showers.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time reports

	C	F
Ajaccio	R 10	50
Algiers	R 17	63
Amsterdam	C 9	48
Athens	S 8	46
Bahrain	S 29	68
Barbados	S 27	81
Belgrade	FC 1	34
Beirut	S 25	77
Berlin	C 1	34
Bermuda	S 16	61
Biarritz	R 8	46
Birmingham	C 3	37
Bombay	S 31	88
Bordeaux	R 9	48
Boston	Sn -6	21
Budapest	C 1	34
Buenos A	S 31	88
Cairo	C 17	63
Cape Town	S 29	84
Cardiff	Sn 2	36
Cologne	F 1	34
Corfu	R 10	50
Dublin	Sn 7	45
Dubrovnik	R 7	45
Edinburgh	C 3	37
Faro	S 15	59
Florence	C 5	41
Frankfurt	C 3	37
Funchal	C 16	61
Geneva	C 3	37
Gibraltar	S 16	61
Glasgow	C 3	37
Helsinki	C -1	30
Hong Kong	S 19	66
Innsbruck	C 3	37
Inverness	C 3	37
Istanbul	C 8	46
Jamaica	S 29	84
Las Palmas	F 19	66
Lisbon	F 12	54
Locarno	C 2	36
London	C 4	39
Los Angeles	S 18	64
Luxembourg	C -5	23
Malta	S 13	55
Manchester	C 3	37
Melbourne	S 18	64
Mexico C	S 25	77
Miami	S 26	79
Montreal	Sn -13	9
Moscow	Sn -4	25
Munich	C -1	30
Naples	R 11	52
Newcastle	C 3	37
New Delhi	S 19	66
New York	Sn -1	30
Nice	C 5	41
Oporto	S 11	52
Oslo	C -1	30
Paris	C 3	37
Peking	S -3	27
Perth	S 24	75
Prague	C -1	30
Reykjavik	C 0	32
Rhodes	S 16	61
Rio de Jan	S 31	88
Riyadh	S 21	70
Rome	Dr 6	43
Salzburg	C 0	32
Singapore	S 31	88
Stockholm	C -1	30
Strasbourg	C 2	36
Sydney	S 22	72
Tel-Aviv	S 16	61
Tokyo	S 6	43
Venice	C 0	32
Vienna	C -1	30
Warsaw	S -10	14
Washington	Sn -2	28
Wellington	C 22	72
Zurich	Fg -7	19

C, cloudy; Dr, drizzle; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow.
*Previous day's reading.

TODAY

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	5.06 pm	to	8.03 am
Birmingham	4.59 pm	to	7.36 am
Bristol	5.06 pm	to	7.35 am
Glasgow	4.53 pm	to	8.02 am
London	4.56 pm	to	7.25 am
Manchester	4.56 pm	to	7.49 am
Newcastle	4.46 pm	to	7.47 am
Nottingham	4.55 pm	to	7.36 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	12.07 am		12.34 pm
Dover	9.35 am		10.12 pm
Liverpool	9.50 am		10.19 pm
SUN RISES	7.56 am		
SUN SETS	4.26 pm		
MOON RISES	7.16 am		
MOON SETS	2.17 pm		

MOON: New Jan 21

TOMORROW

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	5.08 pm	to	8.02 am
Birmingham	5.01 pm	to	7.35 am
Bristol	5.08 pm	to	7.34 am
Glasgow	4.55 pm	to	8.01 am
London	4.58 pm	to	7.24 am
Manchester	4.58 pm	to	7.42 am
Newcastle	4.48 pm	to	7.46 am
Nottingham	4.57 pm	to	7.35 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	1.02 am		1.28 pm
Dover	10.28 am		10.57 pm
Liverpool	10.40 am		11.08 pm
SUN RISES	7.55 am		
SUN SETS	4.28 pm		
MOON RISES	8.07 am		
MOON SETS	3.24 pm		

MOON: New Jan 21

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs.	Rain in.	Max. temp. C	Max. temp. F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	—	—	2	36	Cloudy
Birmingham	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
Bristol	—	.16	1	34	Snow
Cardiff	—	.23	0	32	Snow
Anglesey	—	.05	2	36	Snow am
Blackpool	—	—	2	36	Cloudy
Manchester	—	—	3	37	Cloudy
Nottingham	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
Newcastle	—	—	3	37	Bright pm
Carlisle	—	—	3	37	Cloudy
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	—	—	3	37	Cloudy
Bridlington	—	—	2	36	Cloudy
Cromer	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
Lowestoft	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
Clacton	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
Margate	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	—	—	1	34	Dull
Hastings	—	—	1	34	Dull
Eastbourne	—	—	1	34	Dull
Brighton	—	—	0	32	Dull
Worthing	—	—	1	34	Cloudy
Bognor Regis	—	.15	1	34	Snow am
Southsea	—	.25	1	34	Snow
Shanklin	—	.15	0	32	Snow
Ventnor	—	.25	0	32	Snow
Bournemouth	—	.45	0	32	Snow
Poole	—	.35	0	32	Snow
Swanage	—	.33	1	34	Snow
Weymouth	—	—	1	34	Snow am
Exmouth	—	.23	0	32	Snow
Torquay	—	.24	5	41	Snow
Falmouth	—	.32	2	36	Sleet
Penzance	—	.55	4	39	Snow am
Jersey	—	.27	3	37	Cloudy
Guernsey	—	.08	4	39	Dull
WEST COAST					
Isles of Scilly	—	.25	5	41	Cloudy
Newquay	—	.57	3	37	Snow
Ilfracombe	—	—	2	36	Snow
Tenby	—	—	0	32	Snow
Southport	—	—	2	36	Dull
Morecambe	—	.02	2	36	Dull
Douglas	—	—	3	37	Cloudy pm
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	—	.01	1	34	Cloudy
Prestwick	—	—	3	37	Dull
Glasgow	—	.02	4	39	Rain am
Tiree	—	.01	4	39	Cloudy
Stornoway	.2	—	3	37	Bright pm
Lerwick	0.8	.03	5	41	Showers
Wick	—	—	5	41	Cloudy
Kinloss	—	—	4	39	Showers
Aberdeen	—	—	4	39	Cloudy
St Andrews	—	.12	4	39	Showers pm
Edinburgh	—	.01	4	39	Showers pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	—	.01	3	37	Snow am

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of piste	Weather C
Aonfax	55	70	Fair	Cloud +1
Slope becoming soggy				
Cross Fiennes	10	80	Good	Fine +2
Worn patches on most slopes				
Dewar	40	120	Fair	Snow −2
Good skiing on upper slopes				
Glencoe	42	170	Fair	Snow +1
Worn patches on lower slopes				
Glenshee	11	40	Poor	Cloud −7
Worn patches on most slopes				
Tarbet	20	90	Fair	Fine −15
Worn patches on many slopes				
Kitzbuhel	10	35	Fair	Fine −6
Bare patches on most runs				
Les Arcs	30	65	Fair	Cloud −4
Good skiing on upper slopes				
St Moritz	115	170	Good	Cloud −9
Good powder but avalanche risk				
Sass Fee	50	150	Good	Fine −2
Good skiing on upper slopes				
Villars	10	60	Fair	Fine +7
Rims deteriorating daily				
Wengen	30	60	Good	Cloud +5
Good skiing on upper slopes				

Compiled by Ski Club of Great Britain. L, lower; U upper slopes.

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Slight or moderate, becoming smooth.

English Channel (E): Slight.

St George's Channel: Smooth, becoming rough.

Irish Sea: Smooth, becoming moderate.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp −3C (27F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 2C (36F). Total period: rainfall, nil; sunshine, nil.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp −3C (27F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 3C (37F). Total period: rainfall, trace; sunshine, nil.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorms: Upper runs wide cover of new snow on a firm base. Middle runs and lower slopes complete, new snow on a firm base. Vert runs 1,600ft. Hill and main roads clear. Snow level 1,500ft.

Glen Shee: Upper runs, some complete, new snow. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow. Vert runs 600ft. Hill and main roads clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

Glenshee: Insufficient snow.

Lecht: Upper and middle runs complete, wide cover of new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas of new snow on a firm base. Vert runs 700ft. Hill and main roads clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

Forecast: Cloudy, sleet or snow showers.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when risen, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

TODAY

LONDON

Astro: 17.32–17.40 SSW 40W NNW; (Jan. 20) 5.35–5.44 N 60NW SSW.

Cosmos 1858R: (Jan. 20) 5.50–5.52 N° 30N NNE.

Cosmos 2200R: (Jan. 20) 6.23–6.29 WNW° 30W SSW.

Cosmos 1388: 18.45–18.51 S 45ESE ESE°; 20.32–20.35 WSW 35W W°.

Cosmos 1400R: (Jan. 20) 6.03–6.05 NW° 25NW NNW.

Sesat: (Jan. 20) 5.54–6.00 S 40WSW WNW°.

MANCHESTER

Astro: 17.32–17.41 SSW 45WNW NNW; (Jan. 20) 5.34–5.44 N 75W SSW; 7.15–7.20 NNW 15WNW W.

Cosmos 1858R: (Jan. 20) 5.50–5.53 N° 40R NE.

Cosmos 2200R: (Jan. 20) 6.23–6.28 WNW° 30W SSW.

Cosmos 1388: 18.46–18.51 S 35ESE ESE°; 20.32–20.35 SW 40WSW WSW°.

Cosmos 1400R: 17.19–17.21 WNW 10W W; (Jan. 20) 6.03–6.06 NW° 30NW W.

Sesat: (Jan. 20) 5.35–6.00 S 45WSW W°.

TOMORROW

LONDON

Astro: 18.39–18.42 W 10NW; (Jan. 21) 5.39–5.46 NNW 20NNW WSW.

Cosmos 1858R: (Jan. 21) 6.07–6.10 NW° 25NNW NNE.

Cosmos 2200R: (Jan. 21) 5.23–5.28 WNW° 70SSW SSE; 7.02–7.04 W 10W WSW.

Cosmos 1388: 18.57–19.04 SSW 50S ESE°; 20.45–20.48 WSW 35W W°.

Cosmos 1400R: (Jan. 21) 6.28–6.29 W° 15NW NNW.

Sesat: (Jan. 21) 5.22–5.27 SSE 75SW NW°; 7.05–7.07 SW 15W WNW.

MANCHESTER

Astro: 18.38–18.44 WSW 25NW W; (Jan. 21) 5.36–5.46 NNW 20NNW WSW.

Cosmos 1858R: (Jan. 21) 6.07–6.10 NW° 35NNW NNE.

Cosmos 2200R: (Jan. 21) 5.23–5.27 SW° 75SW SSE; 7.02–7.04 W° 15W WSW.

Cosmos 1388: 18.56–19.04 SSW 50S ESE°; 20.44–20.48 WSW 40W W°.

Sesat: (Jan. 21) 5.22–5.27 SSE 20NW WNW°; 7.03–7.08 SW 15WSW WNW.



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